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VENTRILOQUIST IS IN COMA – BUT HIS DUMMY'S STILL TALKING!

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Let Serena Sabak help you . . .

Get three New Year's wishes from your personal genie

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS psychic and astrologer Serena Sabak.

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Forget those boring, useless New Year's resolutions!

Instead of vowing to kick smoking, lose weight and be a better person only to find yourself still puffing, fat and rude three months later, tap into your own personal genie and get three real wishes with these simple tips courtesy of *Weekly World News* psychic and astrologer Serena Sabak!

You heard right. The genie that exists within each of us is ready, willing, and able to grant you all the fame, wealth, love and luck you need for the New Year. And all you have to do is ask for it.

"Getting in touch with your personal genie is easy," explained Serena.

"And once you have his attention he has no choice in the matter — he has to grant you three wishes.

"You can use your wishes to ask for anything you like: fame, cash, love, new cars, homes, spouses, unlimited Shopping Channel credit, world peace — the possibilities are literally endless.

"My five-point guide is based on years of psychic investigation and research," she added. "Follow it to the letter and you will be successful."

Serena's tips follow — but remember this: once you get in touch with your customized genie, the first three things you wish for are apt to come true for the New Year. So don't screw with the potential of 2002! It's a good idea to choose and memorize your wishes first so you don't ask for — and get — the wrong things.

One unfortunate woman who was momentarily

third chance to wish him to "take a hike." Years later he's still trudging, and she's loveless!

Plan your wishes carefully

1. Take a short walk to clear your mind of thoughts, worries and cares of the day. This is a must! Random thoughts will prevent you from getting in touch with your genie. If you find it hard to clear your mind, practice for several days.

2. Once you are able to clear your mind, return home and find a comfortable chair or bed where you can relax in solitude. Close your eyes. Focus your mind on the life force that exists within you. Repeat the word "genie" for several minutes. If you have prepared properly, you should receive a mental image of your personal genie.

Warning: Your genie is unique. If he looks like Mel Gibson — or Danny DeVito — you must not discuss his looks or appearance with anyone!

3. When your genie appears do not attempt to wish for anything or communicate with him in any way. Wait until the genie asks to assist you. He may not address you during his first "visit."

If not, open your eyes and end the session. Try again in a day or two.

4. When your genie asks to assist you, keep your eyes closed and make one, two or three wishes in a strong, clear voice. You don't have to make all your wishes at once. In fact, you can make your three wishes, weeks, months or even years apart. Remember not to squander your wishes impulsively.

5. The wishes you make may or may not come true overnight. Don't expect to wake up the next day in Tahiti to find Brad Pitt or Jennifer Lopez serving you breakfast in bed.

More often than not, you'll have to wait several weeks to see them come to pass. If that is the case, don't be discouraged. The genie within you grants all wishes.

Sooner or later, you will get what you ask for.

Serena says: "Genies are a force for good in the world. Please use their Power wisely."

NEW FASHIONS ARE THE PITS

Designer pantsuit is made from UNDERARM HAIR!

PARIS — Ladies, throw away your razors. There's a bundle to be made under your arms.

By GEOFF HARRIS
Weekly World News

The latest rage sweeping through Europe is designer clothes made from armpit hair!

The haute couture — creators of new fashions in women's clothing who set next season's trends — are scrambling to find enough to make more than miniskirts. And word has it, they're willing to pay a fortune for fresh armpit hair.

"They pay me big bucks for hair," said a female Bulgarian weightlifter who, through a translator, asked not to be identified.

The furry fashion fad, which now includes skirts, blouses and slacks, began with Italian designer Paolo Francesco, known worldwide for his chic ecological styles.

"I happened to notice — really see — my wife's beautiful underarm hair and, that the moment, I knew it was a dress!" Francesco said by phone from his studio in Rome.

Today, supermodels in Parisian dressing rooms are literally wrestling with one another, trying to be among the first to wear these comfy togs in public. And some of those models say "Pit-Wear," as European fashion writers have labeled the clothes, has a mysterious quality to empower its wearer stronger, sexier, like a woman. A cave woman!" said sultry supermodel Tatiana Mogavescu. "But best of all," she added, "no animals were harmed in the making of these clothes."

Sleek and elegant, Pit-Wear is said to feel like silk but hang much better. It is also easy to care for. According to Mogavescu, "I shower with my clothes on and dry them with my hair blower."

And don't just look for Pit-Wear as outerwear only. French underwear firm, "Bon Appetite," recently announced plans to produce "Underbra," a line of bras made entirely of armpit hair.

What it's like to wear the armpit clothes

"I spent a day wearing one of these new designer pants suits made from underarm hair — and I loved them," declares Weekly World News copy editor Jennifer Murphy.

"The material feels smooth and comfortable against your skin, like something that's a natural extension of the human body. The hair keeps you warm and snug, which is terrific for wintertime or for working in an air-conditioned office.

"And not only does the outfit look great on me, it's a real conversation-starter. People kept coming up to me and saying the material looked familiar but they couldn't place it.

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Hero rooster saves his chick's life!

NEW SEX ROBOT — comes with heads you can interchange!

SATAN WINS BAKEOFF!

GET RICH WHILE YOU SLEEP

Noted sexpert warns:

LADIES! 'FAKING IT' CAN BE FATAL!

SEX EXPERT Dr. Russell R. Mortenson.

CAPETOWN, South Africa — Faking an orgasm can cause serious injury and even death, famed sexologist Dr. Russell R. Mortenson warned this week.

By ARI SMELKINSON
Weekly World News

Mortenson, director of sexuality studies at the Center for the Exploration of Human Intimacy, announced the findings of a yearlong review of data from worldwide law-enforcement authorities. He said the review found an astounding 72 percent of women injured or killed in bedroom accidents were faking sexual pleasure at the time.

"These findings should give women pause," Mortenson said. "We've always known that 'faking it' is deceitful — now we know it's dangerous, too.

"I feel fortunate that my own lovely wife has never had the need to perpetrate such a fraud," he added.

The sexpert said simulating euphoria in the bedroom has caused various medical tragedies. Some women have fallen into comas from hyperventilation, while others have strangled on bedsheets.

Mortenson said it was difficult to get the injured women's sexual partners to confirm they were faking orgasms during the accidents. But that was the only conclusion he could draw, he declared.

"It is absolutely impossible for such things to occur during a legitimate sexual climax. We all know the sex act takes only about a minute, and that's just not enough time for these injuries to happen."

LOVELY Alyson knows the score. Faking an orgasm is as easy as one, two, three!

There's always more fun in *Weekly World News*!

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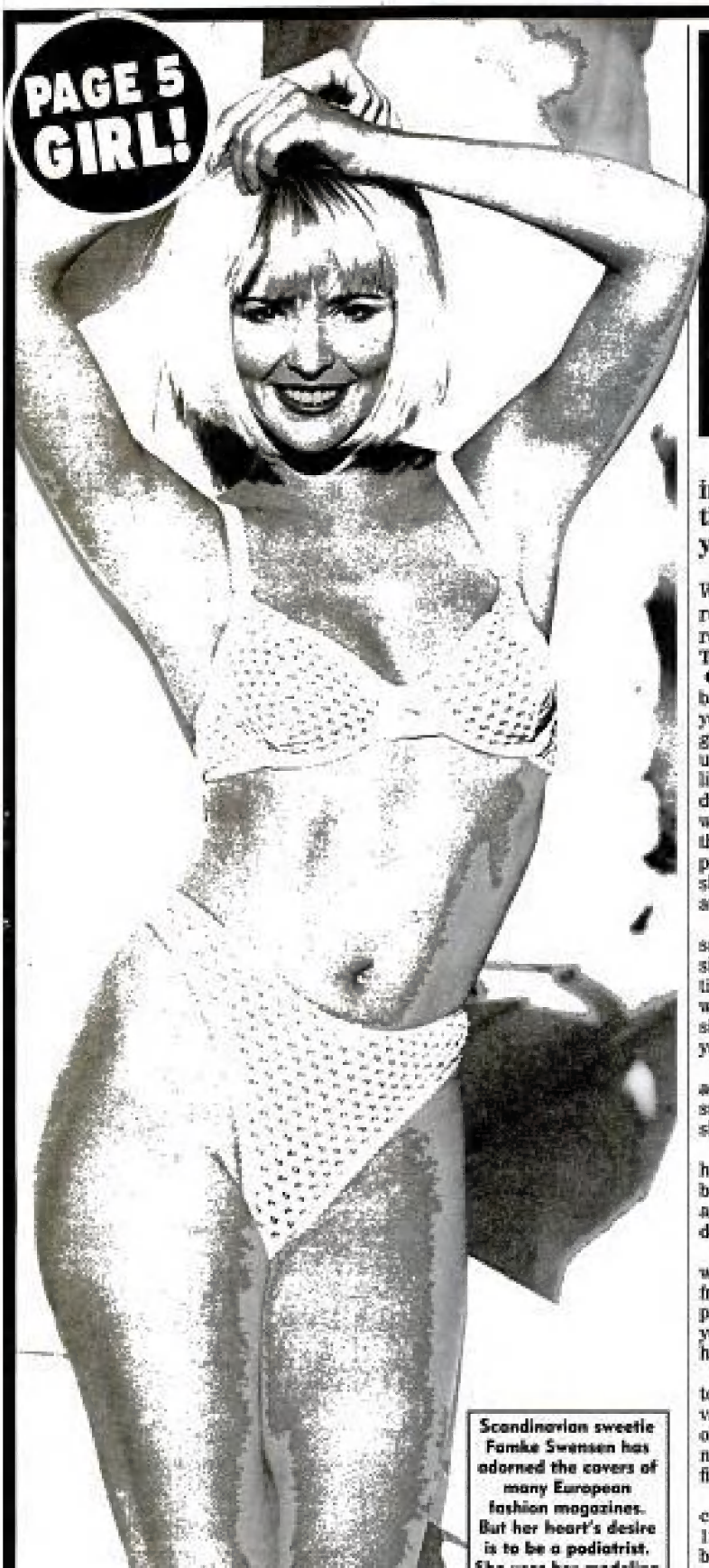

Scandinavian sweetie Famke Swensen has adorned the covers of many European fashion magazines. But her heart's desire is to be a podiatrist. She uses her modeling

WIN THE DATING GAME EVERY NIGHT . . . WITH BODY LANGUAGE TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

NEW YORK — You can be successful in the dating game by learning to read the body language of the opposite sex — and making sure you send out your own romantic signals.

A panel of experts provided these simple but helpful tips for *Weekly World News* readers who are ready for romance:

TIPS FOR MEN:

● If a woman at the bar looks directly at you, waves daintily and gives you a big smile, it usually means she'd like you to come introduce yourself. If she waves frantically at the bouncer and then points to you, you should leave immediately.

● If your date smiles pleasantly and sits in a relaxed position while talking with you, it's a good sign he is enjoying your company.

If he clutches his stomach and makes retching noises when you suggest going back to your place, you should probably call it a night.

● If, at the end of the evening, she hands you a note with her phone number, she definitely wants to see you again. If she hands you a restraining order, she probably doesn't.

● If your date keeps her palms up while talking to you, it means she's open, friendly and warm. If she places her palms on your chest and tries to shove you into the gutter, it means you still have work to do.

● It's a bad sign if your date keeps too much distance from you, such as by vanishing into the bedroom with some old guy with the fistful of cash or by running into the street and jumping into the first car that slows down.

● You'll know you've found a sharing, caring gal if she offers to split her 12-pack of beer with you, without even being asked.

If your date smiles and seems relaxed, you're on the right track. Once she places her hand on your knee, you've hit the jackpot!

get his attention with a smile and a wave. If he doesn't seem to understand your signals, simply yell loudly: "Hey! You and me! Right here, right now!" He'll appreciate your directness.

● Enjoying his company? Let him know by smiling and lightly touching his hand during conversation. If you're bored and want to cut the evening short, flash your breasts at the guy at the next table.

● Other good ways of signaling that it's not working out include: guzzling your drink until you fall face-down onto the bar; yawning repeatedly; and making rude bodily noises just

WORLD'S WACKIEST CRAZ PREDICTIONS

For the year 2002 and beyond!

The future's so bright, everyone in the Northern Hemisphere will have to wear shades! That's just one of dozens of surprising prophetic visions for 2002 and beyond revealed by five psychics contacted by *Weekly World News*.

Three women and two men, all eminent American and European seers, were recorded while in psychic trances and their predictions were transcribed exclusively for our readers.

On the next page begins a startling and unique peek at what they saw while visiting our tomorrows and beyond!

By MICHAEL K. TODD

PSYCHICS

Janine Droxton

Nathan Lizozzo

Grace Ballet

Burt Stimler

• The United States elects its first woman President in 2004, but her name isn't Hillary Clinton — it's Barbara Streisand!

• Scientists develop worker clones to do all manual labor for ordinary, naturally conceived humans in 2006.

• American Indians take over the world in 2015 — and rule the planet until the end of time in 2042.

• An Iowa man finds himself in hot water after he accidentally bids $180,000 in an on-line auction of 10 baseball cards worth about $2 each. Incredibly, a court forces him to pay the money after losing the case.

• American scientists build equipment that enables them to totally control weather in 2004.

• The 2002 Super Bowl is suspended after both teams refuse to play the second half of the game unless team owners cough up $10,000 for each player. Owners balk and the game is canceled.

• The discovery of a youth drug that adds 120 years to human life spans pales before the development of a similar drug that adds 250 years to human life spans.

• Flying chariots replace conventional cars in NASCAR races in 2011.

• A mysterious pie-throwing vandal splats cream pies in the faces of more than a dozen celebrities. The culprit? A very much alive Liberace, who comes out of hiding after having faked his death in 1987.

• The creation of a "time tunnel" in 2002 allows people to freely travel back in time. In 2006, the machine is altered to allow people to return to the present.

• The discovery of a space-borne food source ends world hunger — but it has a downside. In addition to banishing hunger, it makes men and women slick bald.

• A leading American evangelist stuns Christians the world over when he converts to Islam in 2004. In 2006, he flabbergasts the Muslim world by converting yet again — becoming a Buddhist.

• Satan is discovered doing good deeds in 2002, secretly spreading light while working in an inner-city homeless shelter, reading to the blind — and even delivering Meals on Wheels.

• Later that year, biblical scholars find scrolls alleging that the Three Wise Men were not only smart, they were thigh-slappingly funny — the first century equivalent of today's more successful stand-up comedians.

• NASA photos reveal the mysterious Face on Mars winks and sticks its tongue out at orbiting satellites on a fairly regular basis.

• A horticulturist unlocks the secret of growing apples that taste like beef stew, but he never adequately explains why.

• The original Soviet space dog, "Laika" — originally thought dead since a doomed orbital mission in 1957 — is found wandering aimlessly around the site of a UFO landing east of Seattle, barking nonstop — like Lassie when she senses danger — at the moon.

• The development of "*Star Trek* technology" lets ordinary people beam themselves anywhere in the world in a split second. Downside: The process involves 30 seconds on excruciating pain upon arrival.

• Nose and ear hair are found to have the qualities needed to ensure successful hair transplants, and even children are getting them — although cosmetic surgeons admit it doesn't look that good.

• A cloned foot goes berserk in a South Carolina laboratory, kicking and stomping its creator senseless after the expert jokingly slips it into a tight-fitting high-heel shoe.

• "Sea Monkeys" the size of Toyotas go on a rampage after a lab technician's carelessness results in them being washed into Japanese sewers and then out to sea — where they attack fishing boats.

• A ringing cell phone found in an excavated tomb in Egypt's fabled Valley of the Kings is proved to be 6,500 years old. Translations of the phone's mysterious recorded message appear to be an ancient, but still provocative, sex line.

— *ROSA RODRIGUEZ*

• Space shuttle astronauts pick up stray radio signals from deep space. Incredibly, the broadcast is a frantic plea for help from a planet 8 million light-years from Earth.

PSYCHIC Rosa Rodriguez of Spain, shown below, says scholars learn that the biblical three wise men acted more like the Three Stooges.

WORLD'S WACKIEST PSYCHICS

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• American schoolchildren are kidnapped and enslaved by desperate foreign video game producers to serve as "guinea pigs" to test new video game technology. On a high note, the kids don't seem to mind working in foreign video-game sweat shops where they are forced to play game prototypes for as many as 15 hours a day — and live on nachos and soda pop.

• A homeless man in Philadelphia strikes it rich after finding an actual copy of the Declaration of Independence in the trash.

The value of the 226-year-old document is somewhat reduced because the vagrant slept on it for a week before telling anyone he had it.

• The world's heaviest toilet, weighing over 20 tons and standing a staggering 160-feet-tall, rises in the North Atlantic like the Lost Continent of Atlantis.

Believed to be over 60,000 years old, it still flushes when you depress the handle, Pentagon investigators inadvertently prove.

• Scientists invent an automobile that runs on urine.

The so-called "Pee Mobile" is fast and efficient, too — reaching speeds up to 75 mph and traveling as much as 60 miles on a single gallon of fuel.

• The world's largest satellite telescope gathers up striking evidence of extraterrestriallife, picking up broadcasts of a strange sporting event involving, apparently, scantily clad women and a heavy iron ball from more than 6 trillion miles away.

• Despite citizen protests, America converts to the European metric system — just weeks before everyone else in the world switched to the new, improved system based on obsolete Biblical measurements known as "cubits."

• A 2-day-old "super genius" becomes the youngest human in history to write an autobiography.

The precocious boy's 2-page tome isn't particularly interesting, but it inspires the world's shortest movie — and a spin-off TV show.

• A freak, hurricane-like storm in Bangladesh blows in business cards and useful equipment and information to communities up to 1,500 miles away, helping to jumpstart the region's and eventually the world's economy.

• Americans and Cubans are shocked to learn commie kingpin Fidel Castro has been living incognito in a nice apartment in Akron, Ohio since 1999 while a double fronted for him in Havana.

• The ghosts of NASCAR greats Dale Earnhardt and Fireball Roberts appear and repair the cars of hundreds of stranded motorists nationwide during a six-week period in 2003. Their good deeds done, they leap into a glowing red Pontiac and hot-rod back into Heaven.

HOUSTON'S Janine Droxton says a 2-day-old super genius will stun the world.

• Scientists are stunned to find a new atomic sub-particle that looks like a smiley or a frowny face, depending on it's position and charge.

• Scientists reveal that victims of Tourette's syndrome produce a special blood chemical that can be used as an injection to help shy people engage other people and stand up for themselves.

• The development of a propeller-driven hat that allows folks to fly just a few inches above ground is amazingly used to treat depression with successes at least equal to those recorded with the use of Prozac.

• Wireless technology added to scissors allows barbers to control many haircuts at once.

• A supercomputer computing over 100 billion calculations per second finds flaws in our numeral system, including four previously unknown numbers that come between 14 and 15.

— JANINE DROXTON

• The Don King look sweeps the planet as millions of men — and women — adopt the frizzy, wild 'n' woolly hairstyle of the flamboyant boxing promoter. Presidential candidates of both parties and even the Pope himself jump on the bandwagon to

• A mass case of the giggles spreads over the world, lasting three weeks and then vanishing as mysteriously as it arrived.

• Professional wrestlers disrupt the Winter Olympics figure skating event for promotional purposes.

• A new religion based on great-tasting recipes takes California by storm. Other hotbeds for the new cult: Connecticut — and Rhode Island.

• A unicycling serial killer terrorizes London before he loses balance and tumbles in front of a speeding bus.

• The development of a BB-sized "ant farm bomb" makes a 14-year-old boy filthy rich after protest groups make an issue of it.

• The Loch Ness monster is sighted in what used to have been believed to be the Dead Sea, indicating that recent attempts to find it alive and in Scotland were terribly misguided.

• Food scientists create a genetically engineered tomato that talks about the benefits of man-made foods.

NATHAN Licorzo of New York City says Ronald Reagan will be cloned.

• Koreans produce a subcompact space shuttle that can hold two humans and a few bags of groceries.

• Teachers in American elementary schools start performing commercials in order to keep students interested between subjects.

• Television becomes saltier than ever after *The People's Court* Judge Joseph A. Wapner comes out of retirement to overthrow FCC regulations limiting the broadcast of vulgarity and obscenities.

• Human cloning is finally legalized and the most popular "model" is beloved former President Ronald Reagan. All told, some 3 million Americans opt to have the wavy haired, charismatic kids — so many that a whole generation is dubbed the "Gipper Generation." True to form, many of the youngsters grow up to be important leaders, while others become marginally successful B-movie actors.

• Body modification soars to a shocking new level when adolescent girls start amputating their arms to achieve what's called the "Venus de Milo look."

Some guys really dig the look-ma-no-hands fad, saying it makes gals seem fragile and feminine, just like the famous armless statue.

Meanwhile, women's soccer continues to climb in popularity.

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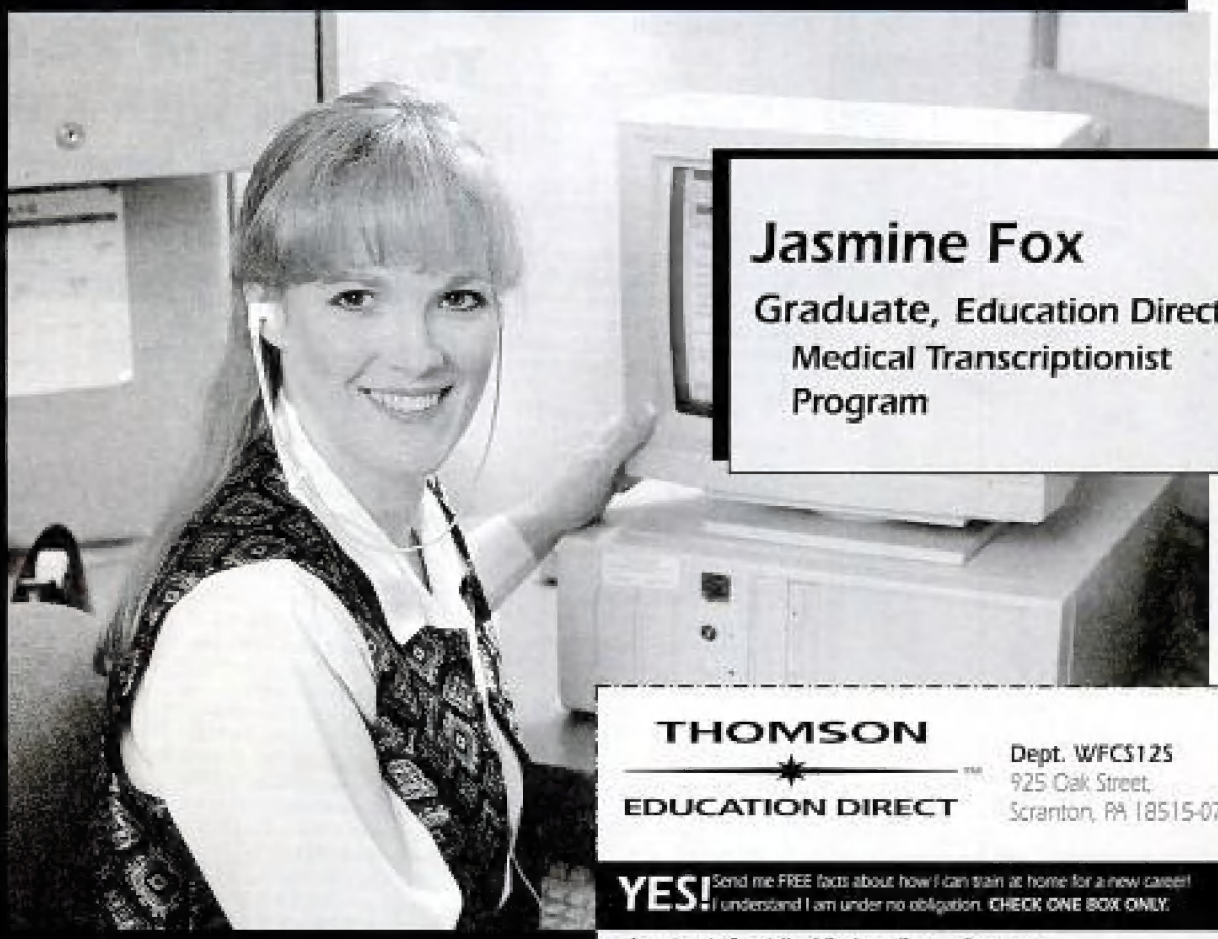

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ENGLAND'S Grace Pollet says fallen angels will defect from Hell.

• A UFO crash in the Grand Canyon flabbergasts investigators who find 14 space alien survivors inside. The aliens are taken to a research compound in Utah, but shockingly, two escape and become Mormon missionaries after mastering the use of bicycles.

• Nude Twister has emerged as the most popular new game on college campuses, followed closely by Nude Rook and Nude Monopoly.

• America's Midwest is plagued by attacks from supernatural beings that horrified lawmen refer to as "reverse vampires."

The strange nightstalkers creep into victims' bedrooms and spit up blood.

• Gigantic buttocks become so fashionable that thousands of women insert implants to achieve mountainous behinds that make Jennifer Lopez look like Twiggy.

While fashion experts consider the look merely an update of the old "bustled behind" of the Victorian era, feminists condemn the colossal-caboose craze as "asinine."

• Sightings of flying saucers become an everyday occurrence after an auto manufacturer produces a hovering, disk-shaped craft modeled on UFOs.

• In a stunning defeat for Satan, 12,500 fallen angels defect from Hell and return to Heaven.

The turncoat demons, who cite "poor working conditions" in the netherworld, quickly become some of the hardest working of God's servants, although their horns and pointy tails have caused some alarm among mortals to whom they're assigned as guardian angels.

• An astounding incident known as the "Pet Rapture" occurs with 144,000 dogs mysteriously vanishing in a single day. Many believers contend that the pooches have been swept up to Heaven to await their masters, who are destined to arrive at the Pearly Gates shortly.

• New technology allows people to wear "animated" tattoos that appear to move on the skin like the characters in big-budget cartoons like *Shrek*.

Most popular images: Hula girls that really dance on your biceps, cobras that really strike and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle that rolls around the back and chest. Nudie gals and shimmering "Mom" hearts are hot, too.

• Panty raids make a comeback, with a new twist — frisky coeds steal the jockstraps and other intimate apparel of college guys.

• America sends astronauts to the moon for the first time since the 1970s. Against astounding odds, the lunar module lands on a lunar rover that has been there since 1971.

• Inexplicably, red emerges as a common eye color, seen more frequently than green or hazel.

• Danish researchers create the world's first "thinking" condom — which automatically evaluates the wearer's intended sex partner and, if it deems her inappropriate — for example, if she's legally drunk — drastically constricts, rendering the guy unable to perform.

• The birth of 22,000 children with small horns and hooves sparks worldwide panic and turmoil.

• A squeaky-clean young singer famous for maintaining her virginity stuns the world by announcing that she is pregnant.

But the real shocker comes from a panel of 12 top doctors who confirm her claim that she is as pure as the driven snow!

• A planet-sized comet circles so close to Earth that millions of people in the Northern Hemisphere are forced to wear dark glasses day and night for a month to keep from being blinded by its light.

• Scientists are baffled by the birth of 5,000 children in the United States and an equal number in China who are all human magnets.

The tots attract everything from spoons and forks to metal toys, nails, pins and tacks.

Stranger still, the U.S. youngsters are all powerfully repelling each other, but have been drawn to their Chinese counterparts.

• The ruins of the Lost City of Atlantis are discovered, not at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean as previously believed, but in the seas on Europa, one of the moons of Jupiter.

The mystery deepens after two of the three astronomers who made the mind-blowing discovery begin to develop fishlike physical traits.

• The first openly gay U.S. President is elected by a landslide, despite having used the less-than-inspired campaign slogan, "He's behind you all the way."

— GRACE POLLET

The birth of 22,000 children with small horns and hooves sparks worldwide panic and turmoil!

Snakes grow legs — and whales return to dry-land!

• Evolution has begun to reverse itself among certain animal species, with snakes growing legs, elephants taking on woolly fur like the long-extinct mammoth and dolphins and whales returning to dry land. The bizarre phenomenon has been blamed on global warming.

• A man in Nebraska makes headlines by claiming he is piano superstar Liberace's long-lost son. The guy looks just like the dead entertainer but doesn't play piano.

• For seven dazzling years, America becomes an empire that maintains peace and order around the globe, much as ancient Rome did centuries ago.

The era of "Pax Americana," as it is known, is one of tremendous technical progress and cultural achievement, although the nation is returning to its democratic roots after Emperor Bob II has gone "a bit too far," according to historians.

• A woman in Georgia beats a stalking rap since more than two dozen of her math professor victims have admitted in court that they "kind of liked" the attention she gave them.

• Since a genetically engineered lab rat with an IQ of 400 and a photographic memory wins the $1 million jackpot on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" the brainy rodent has gone on to serve as Secretary of the Interior.

• The Mafia is officially disbanded since a charismatic new Pope convinces the heads of five of the biggest mob families of the error of their ways.

And in a touching gesture, the repentant dons turn over the entire fortune of the Cosa Nostra, universally regarded as genuine American "heroes."

• A new "sword in the stone" mysteriously appears in London — just like the one King Arthur pulled free to prove he was the rightful King of England.

Neither the Prince of Wales, his sons nor any member of the British aristocracy is able to successfully draw the weapon — believed to be Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur — from the boulder.

But since their embarrassing failure, an actor known for his thick Cockney accent astounds millions of viewers by yanking out the sword on national television.

• Experts discover that the famed Leaning Tower of Pisa isn't really leaning at all — it's all just an elaborate optical illusion to promote tourism.

• Mysterious airships are seen over the American Midwest for the first time since the 1890s. The slow-moving blimps, of unknown origin, creep through the sky — but when U.S. Air Force jets scrambled to intercept them approach, they vanish mysteriously into thin air.

— *BURT STEMLER*

PSYCHIC Burt Stemler of Altoona, Pa., reveals that a fly with a human head appears, uttering a bizarre message.

• A new study proves cell phone radiation prevents tooth decay because it sends out rays that slowly irradiate plaque.

charity work around the world.

• Stilt-walking replaces skateboarding as the favorite way for fun-loving teenagers to get around.

• A world record has been set by a 16-year-old California teen who runs 100 yards in 3 seconds in 100-foot stilts.

• For one long, hot summer, a mysterious fly with a human head just like the one in the classic horror movie *The Fly* is spotted in 18 of the world's capitals, often intoning the words:

"It is later than you think" in a melancholy voice.

Although the phenomenon has not been explained, it has come to an end since a short-order cook in Madrid swatted the chatty insect with a leg of lamb.

• The second gunman responsible for assassinating martyred President John F. Kennedy confesses on his deathbed and reveals the names of the 12 conspirators behind the assassination. Shockingly, four of them are

• LSD makes a dramatic comeback. Millions of Americans are using the drug as freely as hippies did in the 1960s. Government officials have

BUFFALO MAN ON MY . . . says Florida woman

PROOF POSITIVE. Carla Flemster points out one of the Buffalo Man's "cow pies."

By MICHAEL CHIRON /Weekly World News

OCALA, Fla. — Fed-up homeowner Carla Flemster is raising a big stink.

She's having a cow about a bizarre "Buffalo Man" who is leaping the fence onto her property and leaving "cow pies" all over her lawn!

"You can't walk 10 feet without stepping in one of those huge piles — and they stink to high heaven," fumed an angry Flemster. "If this doesn't stop soon, I'm going to sue somebody, that's for sure."

Flemster admits she doesn't know who deserves her wrath. She has photos of the "Buffalo Man" messing up her property, but they don't help.

"This idiot is wearing a big buffalo head in the pictures," she said.

The culprit has also pulled some other tricks on Flemster:

- Knocked over her picket fence four times.
- "Eaten" her newly planted marigolds.
- Run wildly into her clotheslines, tangling himself in her sheets and linus.
- Charged into and butted and gored her aluminum garden shed, denting and damaging it badly.

Flemster has seen the hairy, horn-headed man-beast 11 times since June.

"The first time I saw him he was crouching down on my front lawn," she recalls. "He was nearly stark naked and built like Arnold Schwarzenegger, but he had the head of a buffalo, with horns and a tail.

CATTLE boss George Hoyton

"He reminded me of Fred Flintstone when he used to wear that buffalo hat for lodge meetings.

"When I yelled at him to get off my land, he ran and hopped over the fence back onto the property of my neighbor, Mr. Hoyton."

Cattle rancher George Hoyton says he owns 320 head of prime steers — but no buffalo. He says he doesn't have any idea what's going on.

"If you excuse the expression, that lady's story is a load of bull," he says. "I've been here 20 years and I've never seen any Buffalo Men running around."

But at least one expert says there may be more than meets the eye.

"The police are quick to say this is a prankster but I'm not so sure," says Mexican cryptozoologist Dr. Hector Mayorquin, who's probing the mystery.

"The agriculture industry has been turning more and more to genetic engineering to improve livestock including the use of human growth genes," the expert points out.

"Who knows what might be running around on some of these ranches?" he asked.

1 THE COAST IS CLEAR!

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Secret NASA photo proves:

PASADENA, Calif. — A NASA space probe orbiting the Red Planet has beamed back astonishing images showing that the famous Face on Mars has a bad case of acne!

The photos snapped by the

POCKMARKS on the Face on Mars are "uncannily similar" to the pits seen on the faces of millions of teens.

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Sealed with a kiss!

FACE ON MARS HAS ACNE!

By ANN VICTORIA

unmanned 2001 *Mars Odyssey* are the clearest ever taken of the mysterious 1.6-mile long monument and NASA sources say they clearly depict pockmarks "uncannily similar" to the pits seen on the faces of millions of teens.

"These startling images prove that the builders of the Face on Mars were anatomically very similar to humans," says a source at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, who leaked eye-popping copies of the photos to the press.

"They also suggest that although the Martians built an incredibly advanced civilization, they failed to invent some rather mundane products — such as Clearasil."

The so-called Face on Mars was first photographed by NASA's *Viking* probe back in 1976.

Many researchers marveled at how the stone outcropping looked like a carving of a helmeted human face — some hailing it as evidence that thousands of years ago Martians visited Earth and inspired similar structures such as the Sphinx.

NASA has always maintained that the Face on Mars is a natural geological formation that just happens to look like a person.

Not surprisingly, officials refuse to confirm the authenticity of the recent photos on the record, citing the "need to control information."

But off the record, one agency insider admitted that scientists are perplexed by images.

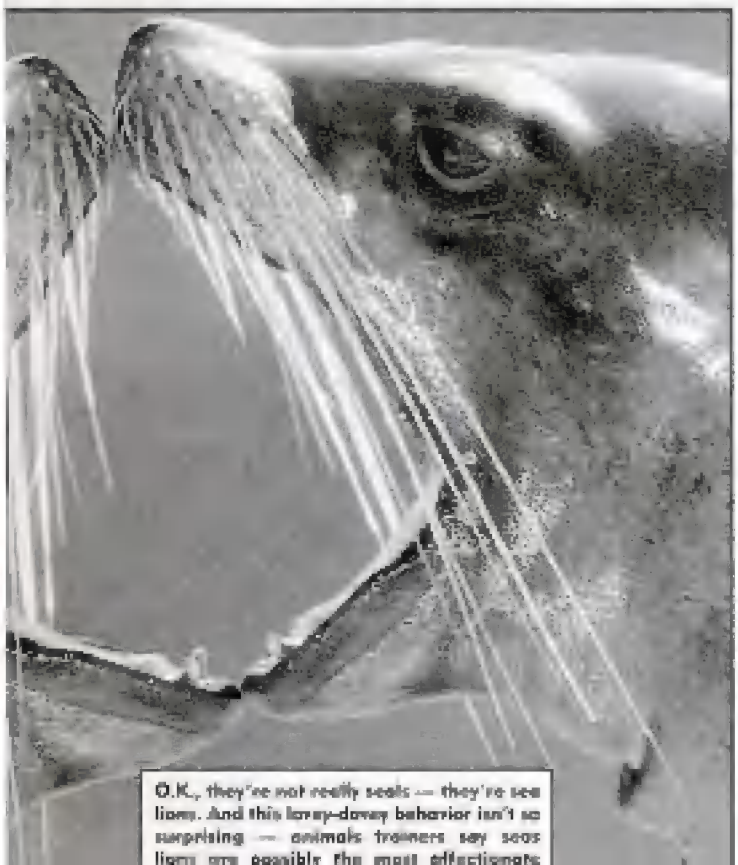
"We believe it's possible those pockmarks were created by meteor showers" said the insider.

"However, there's no sign of any meteor damage in the area around the face."

Dr Leslie Hunterford, one of Great Britain's most respected dermatologists, does not believe the apparent acne scars could be the product of mere accident.

"The pattern of the marks falls precisely where an adolescent human typically gets acne pimples and unfortunately often squeezes them, leaving pits," Dr. Hunterford said after being shown copies of the photos.

"The Face on Mars has the classic 'pizza face' look. It's hard to believe this could happen by chance."



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MANAMA, Bahrain — The bottled water industry, which now charges as much as three bucks a bottle for what some insiders claim is often simple tap water, is sweating plenty over news of a revolutionary new pill that eliminates the need for water!

By JUSTIN MITCHELL
Weekly World News

The Hydro-Free, developed by hydrology researchers in the water-poor, but oil-rich Middle Eastern kingdom of Bahrain, reportedly supplies a human body's need for H2O with just one pill a day!

An anonymous researcher said the seaweed and petroleum-based Hydro-Free not only supplies the equivalent of eight, 8-ounce glasses of water daily recommended by nutritionists, but it also has been found to increase the libidos of both men and women!

"It's like Viagra and a tall cool one in one package," said the scientist. "It's also environmentally correct. No more discarded plastic water bottles littering jogging trails, 10-K runs, office desks and fitness centers."

News of Hydro-Free has hit the bottled water industry like a flood. Already worried that a significant number of people may be "drinking themselves to dehydration" by consuming too little water and too many dehydrating beverages, such as alcohol and caffeine drinks, the International Portable Water Association is gearing up for a major public relations counter-offensive.

"Nothing can replace the good feeling that comes from pouring a cold, clear liquid down your throat or splashing it on your overheated loins and head after a vigorous workout — it's better and safer than sex!" said IPWA spokesperson Grace Castella Fox, who serves also as a spokesperson for the "Dare to Abstain" movement.

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My America

BY ED ANGER

Ring in the New Year — the ED ANGER way!

20 THINGS IT TOOK ME 73 YEARS TO LEARN

I'm madder than the New Year's Baby with a wet diaper over all the newspapers I see with so-called experts "reflecting" on 2001 and giving words of wisdom about 2002.

All these stories are written by 23-year-old "geniuses" barely out of nursery school.

I turn 73 on New Year's Day and I just now realize that it took me my whole life to learn simple facts that I should have figured out years ago. So gather 'round and learn a lesson.

Here they are:

1. If every man were allowed to have two wives and they both worked, America would be full of three-income households — and the economy would soar like an eagle.

2. It's a good thing that so many of today's kids are so stupid, otherwise there wouldn't be enough people to work in all the fast-food restaurants we have.

3. Social Security is the No. 1 reason for older Americans getting fat, soft and lazy. It should be abolished immediately.

4. The government would be dumb to ban cloning. If God didn't want scientists to clone things, he wouldn't have given them the brains to figure it out.

5. If you want to field a great NFL team, just go to the nearest prison.

6. No matter how many home runs today's sluggers hit, they are nothing compared to Babe Ruth.

7. Medical experiments should be conducted on criminals to help researchers find cures for dog and cat diseases instead of experimenting on dogs and cats to find out if lipstick is safe.

8. All schoolchildren should carry handguns — to protect themselves from the bad kids.

9. Sexual harassment is what flirty bimbos scream when a man snubs them.

10. The government shouldn't waste money trying to contact extraterrestrials. If there are Martians out there, let them spend their money contacting us.

11. Doctors should wheel and deal with patients like used car salesmen do with their customers. A lot more people would go in for health care if docs offered two-for-one deals or trade-ins on old body parts.

12. People who say they like soccer secretly hate all sports.

13. College is for idiots. If people are so smart, they don't need to spend any more time in a classroom after high school.

14. God gave women small hands so they can wash the insides of glasses and pull stuff out of garbage disposals.

15. Professional wrestling is more fun to watch when it's not so dag-blamed popular with people who aren't really wrestling fans.

16. The American who invented golf oughta be shot. The only good thing about the stupid game is it's easy to cheat.

17. Americans will never accept the $1 coin. You could put John Wayne on the stupid thing and people still wouldn't spend it.

18. A person who thinks we should be lenient on criminals is planning on committing a crime himself.

19. Fatties who buy expensive diet drinks to lose weight are using them to wash down a dozen donuts.

20. Cable TV is dumb. All you need is a set of rabbit ears on top of your TV — because if you can get the three major networks that's MORE than enough.

Ed Anger

ED ANGER'S learned lots since he was a kid.

ED ANGER POLL!

YES! I agree with Ed that people under the age of 30 have no business writing about anything but Britney Spears and video games.

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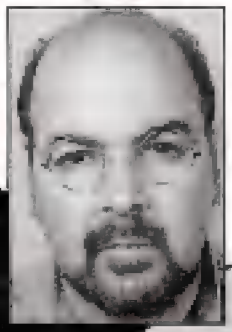
Pentagon janitor uses spy satellite

. . . to catch his cheating wife in the act!

By DWAYNE WINKER / *Weekly World News*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Instead of hiring a private investigator to uncover his spouse's extramarital affair, a technologically savvy Pentagon janitor was able to divert one of our country's top-secret satellites to snoop on his unfaithful wife.

But the spurned mop jockey may have also exposed a huge glitch in the Defense Department's satellite snooping network when he got the dirt on his cheating wife this past August.



Herb Kirland.

CHEATING wife caught in the act with the pool boy.

"I'd suspected that my wife had been messing around for months, especially when I saw the bills for our pool cleanings," 35-year-old Herb Kirland says.

"Based on the number of times she requested Antonio the pool boy to clean it, we must have had a pool so pristine that babies could drink from it."

Unable to confirm his suspicions because of his heavy work schedule, the heartsick Kirland decided to use his "all access" status as a Pentagon polisher and picker-upper to his advantage.

"It was almost too simple. I just hung out 'cleaning' in the remote satellite viewing and retrieval complex, and 'borrowed' a couple of instruction manuals that these egg-heads had left lying around."

In the confusion of a shift change, Kirland was able to manipulate satellite image retrieval gear to ultimately bust his philandering spouse at poolside.

The spy in the sky focused in on the backyard at Kirland's Falls Church, Va., home where it captured his wife and her lover in several compromising positions. Kirland made still photos of her escapades and later confronted her with them.

"She works from home as an accountant but she's obviously doing more than adding up numbers," said Kirland, who has filed for divorce. "I'm glad I found out the truth, but it broke my heart."

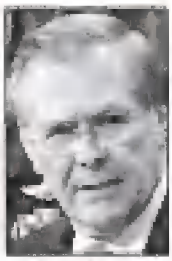
Kirland says he never meant to expose a security problem with the satellite system.

"I didn't want to get anyone in trouble," he says. "But I was bound and determined to find out the truth about my wife."

An independent source confirmed that spy technology indeed is capable of ferreting out the smallest details, whether it be adulterers or foreign armies.

"U.S. government optical satellites circling the globe are indeed capable of distinguishing objects six inches small on the surface of the earth," said the anonymous source, who declined further comment.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld had no immediate comment on Kirland's accusations or of his unauthorized use of high-tech security snooping gear, but has reportedly asked to be kept fully informed of events.



IRATE Donald Rumsfeld.

Kirland has been temporarily reassigned to Pentagon rest room duty pending a full investigation.

Hamming it up!

Do pigs laugh? Most folks don't think so, but there are plenty of farmers who'll tell you that they've heard giggles and guffaws coming from the pigpen. Lucky for us, these two little piglets couldn't contain themselves — and were caught on film having a good old time!

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Ventriloquist is in a coma — but his dummy still talks!

NO DUMMY! Ernest Fleener became a ventriloquist so he could be just like his American hero Edgar Bergen. Fleener is shown here with his Charlie McCarthy look-alike dummy Winkey.

And here's what he's telling doctors and nurses:

- *'Is that a thermometer in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?'*
- *'Somebody put ER on TV — I wanna see some real pros in action!'*
- *'Hey, girlie, carve your phone number into my arm!'*
- *'I'm pining for ya, sweetie!'*
- *'Wooden you like to spend some time with me?'*

ACCIDENT VICTIM ventriloquist Ernest Fleener, 42, left inset, is rushed to the hospital in a deep coma.

By JERRY RINGWALD/*Weekly World News*

BONN, Germany — A coma patient has been communicating with the outside world with the help of his closest companion — a 2½-foot wooden dummy.

Part-time ventriloquist Ernest Fleener, 42, has been in a coma from a near-fatal car wreck for nearly a month. Under normal circumstances, medical procedures on such patients are limited to cardiopulmonary monitoring.

But so far, there is nothing "normal" about Fleener's treatment. That's because the staff doctors have been getting their marching orders from "Winkee," the ventriloquist's dummy.

On a typical day, Winkee can be heard mouthing off to the hospital staff and visitors with barbs, such as: "Touch me one more time . . . and I'll give ya a good shellacking," and "Watch it, Buster! You're goin' against my grain!"

The first witness to this amazing phenomenon was nurse Edith Poppins. Two days after Fleener's admittance, the 22-year-old nurse heard a muffled voice coming from the patient's suitcase. When she opened the case, her jaw dropped in shock. "I couldn't believe it," she said. "The little tyke told me to give him a sponge bath!"

Poppins also stated that Winkee used the following come-on phrases:

● "Hey, baby, you're a lot cuter than the puppets I bang around with!"

● "Hey, girlie, carve your phone number into my arm!"

● "I'm pining for ya, sweetie!"

● "Wooden you like to spend some time with me?"

● "Some folks call me a doll — but I say you're a living doll!"

Believing that she was receiving a message from the Great Beyond, the nurse complied with a furniture polish "sponge bath" that had Winkee demanding that she "rub out all my knots." Poppins wasn't the only brunt of Winkee's witticisms. Doctors and other hospital workers weren't immune to quips like:

● "Is that a thermometer in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?"

● "Somebody put ER on the air!"

Theories abound as to what caused this highly unusual metaphysical occurrence. On the night of Fleener's car accident, there was an extremely unstable ion storm passing over northern England.

The powerfully charged ionic particles could have caused an event that certain scientists refer to as the "Pinocchio Syndrome," named for particular effects these ions have on wood.

Or perhaps Fleener is telepathically sending his own splintered thoughts through his knot-headed pal to communicate to the outside world.

"We're baffled, but we're also a bit weary of it all," admitted one doctor. "If that block-headed bloke doesn't pipe down soon, he's going to be nothing but saw dust!"

The creepy-crawly 'gifts' you DIDN'T want for Christmas!

DENVER — If your Christmas tree is still standing, get it down FAST — before the estimated 10,000 bugs dragged in with it start hatching and infest your home!

That's the horrifying warning of concerned entomologists who say that this year is expected to produce the biggest bumper crop of mountain pine beetles since 1890 — along with a larger than normal load of silverfish, termites, lice, springtails, stoneflies and even earwigs who are ready to make themselves at home with your family.

But it's the pesky mountain pine beetles that will prove to be the most unwelcomed visitor, experts say.

"Once these voracious beetles get into your home, they'll go through anything made of wood like a chainsaw, devouring it and leaving only sawdust.

"That includes furniture, wood floors — even pencils," says Dr. Clayton Haymark. "They're worse than termites."

The mountain pine beetle is known in scientific circles as the Dendroctonus ponderosae. When it's not the Yuletide season, these critters live in the inner bark of pine trees across America, from Canada down to northern Mexico.

"Once they've found a suitable host, they tunnel beneath the bark to lay eggs," reveals Denver-based Dr. Haymark. "After the young, known as larvae, hatch, they feed within the inner tree until late December or early January, when they emerge from the dead tree — fiercely hungry and ready to tear into anything in sight made of wood."

BUG DOC Clayton Haymark

The pesky critters go after many of the species of pine trees most popular around Christmas time, especially the ponderosa pine, Scots pine and Douglas fir. The insects normally favor sick trees — but this year all Christmas trees are fair game, experts say.

Folks in the past who've waited too long to get the Christmas tree out of the house tell chilling tales about dealing with the unwanted visitors.

"We love to extend the Christmas season as long as possible and last year we left our tree up until the end of January," recalls a Milwaukee homemaker.

"One morning we got up to have our coffee and there were thousands of those disgusting bugs everywhere — nibbling at our breakfast table, even in our baby's crib.

"We had to evacuate the house. It was a real nightmare."

Feminists cry foul because . . .

New sex robot has interchangeable heads!

Nadine Furtmeister, chairperson of the Womyn's Freedom Coalition.

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JUST FOR FUN: A paper cutout of the Fem-bot with interchangeable celebrity heads.

By VICKIE YORK/*Weekly World News*

LOS ANGELES — Outraged feminists want a new Japanese-made she-robot banned from the United States — because the sexy female android has interchangeable heads!

The Fem-bot 7.0, as the mechanical marvel is known, is extraordinarily lifelike and has been programmed to "provide virtually all services a flesh and blood woman could perform," according to the Tokyo-based manufacturer, Toshimuro Industries, Ltd.

Model heads, which are sold separately, include an array of glamorous late film stars such as Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn, Ava Gardner, Grace Kelly and Natalie Wood as well as replicas of Margaret Thatcher, Gloria Steinhem, Queen Elizabeth and Janet Reno for the "intellectual male market."

But angry women's libbers in America say the interchangeable robo-babes should never be allowed to set their software on U.S. soil.

"Yes, we all know what the average piggy little male will order one of these things for — to serve him as a blindly, interchangeable, obedient sex object," fumes Nadine Furtmeister, chairperson of the Womyn's Freedom Coalition, which is leading the campaign to block imports of the machines.

"We don't care whether his fantasy is a bimbo like Marilyn Monroe or a power broker like Maggie Thatcher!

"It serves the same purpose, a sex slave android that won't talk back, say no or do anything but cater to the whim of her male 'master'! It's an abomination."

Since the randy, willing robots were first introduced in Japan earlier this year, they've been immensely popular among girl-crazy businessmen.

Incredibly, they are able to give massages, do basic chores such as vacuuming and dusting and even go get a cold brewski from the fridge on verbal command. Although each has an ideal 36D-24-36 figure, that perfect physique ends at the neck where the fantasy begins, customized.

"The best part is, you never have to hear them yap about your 'relationship' or whine about how you've been treating her mother," says one satisfied customer in Tokyo. "I've had 'Queen Elizabeth' at my beck and call for months now with no back-talk! And if I get tired of ordering around 'Her Majesty' I just unscrew the head and replace her with Grace Kelly!"

But the maker insists its decision to use interchangeable heads wasn't sexist.

"We determined that customers in many men's basic desires included the vital 'fantasy' element," says company spokesperson Sachiko Murai.

The robots don't come cheap — in Japan they're selling for

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE COLUMNIST

My skinflint granny won't buy me a new Corvette!

Dear Dotti: Grandma retired last week and she's got money to burn. But when it comes to sharing the wealth, NO WAY! I'm 17 now, and I deserve a nice gift. But when I asked her to buy me a new Corvette, she said she lives on a fixed income and needs the money for her "golden years." I say she's full of bull. — Snubbed in Alby

Dear Snubbed: Everyone's entitled to an opinion — even a worthless chunk of vomit like you. Now get the hell out of here — and don't ever write to me again!

How can I tell my wife I'm in love with her brother!

Dear Dotti: I'm frantic over a situation that has developed in my marriage. After five years with my wife, Gina, I began to feel that the spark was missing from our sex life. I confided in her brother. And the next thing I know, we both had our clothes off — and were cavorting around in bed. It wasn't long before I had fallen head over heels in love with Bruce. Now I want to divorce Gina so I can spend my life with him. I don't want to hurt her, Dotti, but how can I tell her? — Confused in Tucson

Dear Confused: Don't tell Gina — and find you and her funny-boy brother in bed together.

Idiot mom says 9 is too young to date!

Dear Dotti: My dumb mom won't let me date. She says that I'm too young because I'm only in the fourth grade. She also says the 16-year-old boy I like is too old for me. I think she's being totally unreasonable. How can I get her to lighten up? I'm almost 10. — Anxious in Knoxville

Dear Anxious: If your mom didn't love you, snotface, she'd let you go out and get knocked up by any 16-year-old you choose. The bottom line? Mommy really does know best. So stop whining — and do what the old goat says!

How do I get rid of my mooching mother-in-law?

Dear Dotti: I don't know what I'm going to do with my mother-in-law. She came to live with us because she had nowhere to go when she got evicted from the double-wide trailer she was renting. I thought that that only meant two or three months. But she's been here for over eight. I can't get rid of her and my wife refuses to ask her to leave. We don't have any kind of private life any more, because every time we're alone, the old windbag barges in on us. And on top of that, she is a drunk. I don't think I can take it anymore. Tell me how I can get rid of this wicked old woman, Dotti! — Fed Up in Lake Worth

Dear Fed Up: Tell your wife to throw the leech out or else! By the way, wimps like you never cease to amaze me — you can't even take control in your own house!

I gave AIDS to the high school basketball team!

Dear Dotti: All my life people have treated me like dirt but I've finally gotten my revenge. After dropping out of high school in the 10th grade, I became a prostitute. About six months ago, I was diagnosed HIV positive. And for the past two weeks, I threw parties at my apartment — and "did" the high school basketball team. First stringers, second stringers, third stringers — even the coach! They don't know I have AIDS — but they will! — Vengeful in Miami

Dear Vengeful: If you don't do anything else in your miserable life, please do this. Tell health officials about your sex parties with the basketball team — then go blow your stupid brains out!

Hubby's on my back 'cause I put our brat over my knee!

Dear Dotti: My 12-year-old son dressed up like a punk rocker the other day and I told him he wasn't going anywhere with spiked hair and thick chains dangling from his neck. The little brat just snarked and slammed his bedroom door in my face! So I barged right in, put the boy over my knee and spanked the crap out of him! I was feeling pretty good about taking the bull by the horns until my husband came home and told me that our son was too old for a spanking. Now I don't know what to think. Tell me the truth, Dotti — was I right to spank my kid? — Mom in Buffalo

Dear Mom: Your husband is a pinhead and so is your son. OF COURSE you were right to spank the little punk. If he slammed the door in my face, he wouldn't be sitting for a week.

Rumor has it my future wife snores — loud!

Dear Dotti: My fiancee is pretty, smart and dresses nice. My problem is her parents claim she snores — LOUD! They say many nights she has kept them awake for hours sawing wood. When we first started dating, we decided we wouldn't sleep together until after we were married. I don't want to make a huge mistake and tie the knot with this gal if I'll never get any shut-eye. Should I insist on hearing her snoring before I marry her? — Light Sleeper in Boise

Dear Light Sleeper: Take a hint, Pinhead. Sweetie Pie's parents are trying to put you off their precious

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Cheating In Chicago: Go ahead. You'll probably get caught and lose your wife, kids, car and home. Other than that, it sounds like fun!

Dear Ripped Off in Tampa: Nail your windows shut, buy a gun and get yourself a rabid pit bull and it'll never happen again — I personally guarantee it!

Dear Desperate in L.A.: Never give a guy a second chance — especially if you want to keep all your pearly whites!

Dear Hopeful in Colorado Springs: What can I tell you but that you're 700 pounds over the limit!

Dear Worried in Pittsburgh: Don't waste seven years waiting for jail mail. Send him a "Dear John" letter since he's probably dating a fellow prisoner anyway!

Dear Help Me in Branson: Go for the country mouse and let the city rat be macho alone.

Dear Lonely in Santa Ana: Look for a furry pet, not a boyfriend.

Dear Angry in Buffalo: I had to disinfect my eyes after taking one look at your letter. Don't EVER send anyone pictures of yourself again!

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions — and let her tell it like

'THRILLA IN

CAPTURED BIGFOOT & YETI TO BATTLE IN TEXAS SHOWDOWN!

WRESTLING promoter Harris Thackory says his coming bout pitting a Bigfoot against a Yeti will be the mother of all wrestling matches.

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION

BY MIGUEL FIGUEROA / *Weekly World News*

DALLAS — Maverick rasslin' promoter Harris Thackory claims to have captured an American Bigfoot and a Tibetan Yeti in one of the most astonishing "big game" coups of all time.

But far from offering the magnificent creatures up for scientific study, he's training them to fight like pit bulls in a controversial pay-per-view match that, as he puts it, "will make the Rumble in the Jungle look like a slapping contest between two sissies."

"Each of these two magnificent fighters has the strength of 10 men and even though the experts say they're distant relatives, from the looks they give each other in their cages, you can tell they're just itching to prove who's tougher," adds the flamboyant promoter, whose outrageous tactics are considered disreputable by mainstream wrestling organizations such as the WWF.

"I guarantee you're going to see the wildest behavior and most sensational moves that have ever been witnessed in a wrestling ring."

Thackory claims he personally assisted in the capture of the two elusive creatures, whose whereabouts the promoter refuses to reveal.

"It cost me more than $15 million and 10 years, but I was determined to see this match come off," he says.

"My team of trackers caught the Bigfoot, or Sasquash, as the Native Americans used to call them, on a cliff side about 3,800 feet high on Mount Rainier, back in August. Yours truly actually fired the tranquilizer dart that hit him in the butt."

Thackory says he captured the giant Abominable Snowman — known as the Yeti by locals — high in the Himalayas and smuggled

IN THIS CORNER: THIS 7' 2" monster was captured last August near Washington State's Mt. Rainier.

AMARILLA!

IN THIS CORNER: ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN! HAIRY beast stands 6' 3 " tall, and was found in the Himalayan mountains in Tibet. The creature was then smuggled into America.

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION

TALE OF THE TAPE:

YETI	VS.	BIGFOOT
6' 5"	HEIGHT	7' 2"
482 lbs.	WEIGHT	427 lbs.
Mt. Rainer Squash	FINISHING MOVE	Tibetan Leg Twist
52?	AGE	37?
0-0-0	RECORD	0-0-0
"Yeti kick big ape's butt!"	QUOTE	"Oonga la Goonga, ug, ug, ug!"

Bigfoot and Yeti are distant cousins — but they hate each other!

a like, except the Bigfoot's fur is dark brown and the Yeti's

Dallas promoter says.

"The Yeti also stands about

The bout is tentatively scheduled to take place in

"I'm working out a pay-per-view deal, but real wrestling fans will want see this live and we're predicting the match will be sold out months in advance," said Thackery.

"You can bet the patriotic angle will boost the excite-

the stands rooting for Bigfoot, since he's from our own country, and waving American flags like crazy.

"The Yeti will be the 'heel' in the match and believe me, it'll come easy.

He has a real bad attitude — one time when I walked by his cage, he reached out and nearly pulled my head off. It took four of my men with fire hoses to get him off of me."

Until the tussle, the two hairy man-beasts are being housed in an undisclosed location.

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How to beat those "teeny wiener" blues — for good!

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Guys who are eager to beef up their "love muscles" won't have to depend on old-fashioned little barbells any more — a Dutch company has come out with the first exercise machine specifically designed to strengthen and tone the male reproductive organ!

The Nautilus-type equipment, dubbed the PeniMaster, is guaranteed to beef up a man's wedding tackle by 25 percent within six weeks, according to a promotional video that shows eye-popping results.

"It's easier to maintain correct form using the PeniMaster than barbells and the system is much more fun to use," enthused one iron-pumping customer whose "before" and "after" is featured on the video.

Famous writer got his kicks climbing trees in the nude!

LONDON — Geniuses do some pretty stupid-sounding things to get inspiration, researchers have found. Here are some of the crazy antics that artists have had to resort to, experts say:

- To stimulate his brain while composing, Ludwig van Beethoven poured ice water on his head.
- Charles Dickens could write only when facing north.
- Physicist Richard Feynman played the bongo drums at night to help him figure out formulas.
- French novelist Marcel Proust could only concentrate when locked in a cork-lined room.
- Author D.H. Lawrence had to climb mulberry trees — buck naked.
- To boost his low self-esteem, the artist Paul Cezanne taught his parrot to constantly repeat the phrase, "Cezanne is a great painter!"

Guys change their minds more than gals, says study

CHICAGO — If you think men are more decisive than women, think again!

Men actually change their minds two to three times more often than women do, according to a fascinating study at Northwestern University. Despite their reputation for being fickle, females are the more hardheaded gender, the researchers found. Gals take longer to make decisions then

Serena Sabak

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AMERICA'S SEXIEST PSYCHIC

Please make Nana shut her fat yap!

Dear Serena: My mother-in-law, Nana, hates me. I wouldn't care except that my husband insists we all have dinner together every Sunday. Unfortunately, he never hears any of the nasty remarks she makes to me when he's not around. I know she wanted him to marry someone like her, but he fell in love with me. Other than that, I don't know why she can't at least be civil to me. Is there a spell you can cast to make her more pleasant? — Cringing in Scottsdale

Dear Cringing: Ooh, she is a mean one! I can't wipe away all her mental problems with one spell, but I can see to it that she'll be unable to speak any negative thoughts aloud when she's around you. She'll soften up a bit after the first grandchild is born . . . which, by the way, will be this time next year.

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Dear Serena: I'm totally freaked out! I worked for six weeks on my biology project and when I came home from school yesterday, it was gone. Since it was 12 petri dishes of different foods with molds growing on them, I wondered if my dog, Pepe, ate them all, but the dishes are gone also. Please help me recover my homework before it's due. — Freaked Out in Baltimore

Dear Freaked Out: Go look under your little brother's bed. He thinks he's getting back at you for something you did to him. You two need to make up before getting even gets out of control. Meanwhile, be careful when you put your hand under his bed, your moldy food is not the only weird thing hidden there.

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Dear Serena: I hope you can translate a dream for me. Joanie and I have been best friends since kindergarten and we'll be graduating together next year. We've always planned to go to California together after high school and try to become actresses. The other night I dreamed she and I were driving cross-country in a big convertible — kind of like in the movie *Thelma and Louise*. We didn't drive off a cliff like they did, but we never got anywhere either. We just kept driving on this never-ending road. Does this mean we'll never make it to California? — Disappointed in Newark

Dear Disappointed: You'll make it to California and a lot of other places as well. The dream is just trying to remind you that the journey can be just as important as the destination. While you've spent years focusing on that trip, you haven't taken advantage of the fun and adventures that were right in your back yard. Be a little more flexible about what you expect your future to be, and start enjoying your day-to-day life more.

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Dear Serena: My Aunt Jenny once told me I could have her costume jewelry collection when she died, but she never wrote it in her will. After she passed away, I learned that one of her granddaughters was given the collection. Could you ask Aunt Jenny if that was what she really wanted? — Passed Over in Annapolis

Dear Passed Over: Aunt Jenny is sorry she never wrote down that bequest as she meant to, but she is going to speak to her granddaughter in a dream and tell her to share the collection with you.

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Dear Serena: I had a terrible nightmare that I hope you can explain. I was standing on the edge of a cliff looking out at the beautiful ocean below. Suddenly a huge gust of wind blew me over the edge. It scared me so much, I woke up screaming. Should I be prepared for a tornado? — Shaky in Seattle

Dear Shaky: You need to be prepared to be swept off your feet, but not by Mother Nature. You've been "looking out" at the world for too long. It's way past time you took a leap of faith into that world. Something you have no control over is about to give you the push you need. Don't worry, you'll have a blast!

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PERSONAL TO:

Nervous in Evanston: **She feels the same way. Be brave and make the first move.**

Homeless in McLean: **Go to General Delivery at the Post Office. They're holding a letter for you with a check in it.**

Mother Hen in Baldwin: **That chick will be back in the coop in two months.**

Furious in El Paso: **You have a good case and will get what you deserve, but be prepared for it to take at least three years to settle.**

THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO NUMBERS

Weekly World News has purchased exclusive rights to the world's most powerful computer — and we use it to pick the six luckiest lottery numbers every week!

The Swiss-built computer, called Bright Green, has the ability to calculate which lottery numbers are most likely to come up each week, based on previous performance and established tendencies. The numbers are good for the week Weekly World News is on the newsstand.

The computer scans all numbers selected in lotteries across America over the past year to provide a statistical base for predicting future results. More value is given to the most recently selected numbers.

Using all available data, the computer picks the luckiest numbers

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What's your secret message from the Fortune Cookie this week? It's easy and fun to decipher. Here's the key to decoding your message:

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214 Ancient Egyptian tomb
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224 Forest clearings
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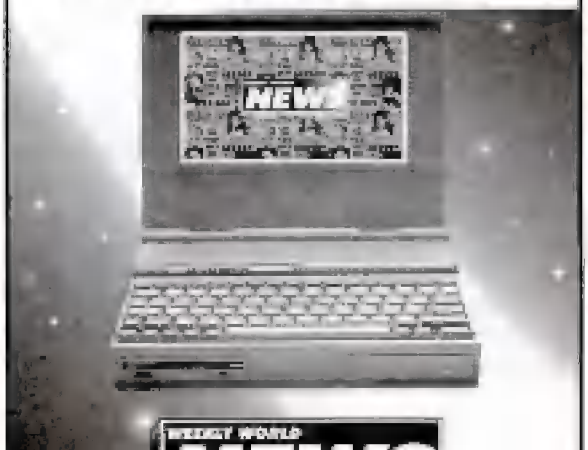

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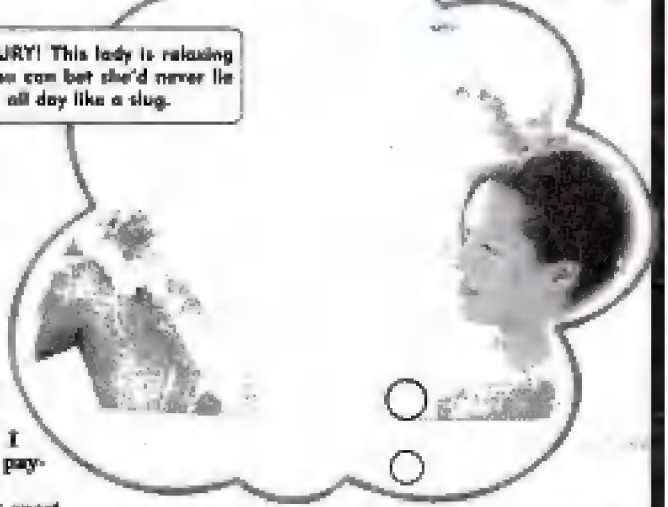

BATHED IN LUXURY! This lady is relaxing in the tub, but you can bet she'd never lie around the house all day like a slug.

By JENNIFER BOZELL
Weekly World News

BRISBANE, Australia — John and Debbie Elkinson used to fight over everything from how to pay the bills to how to squeeze the toothpaste. But now they couldn't be happier.

"Ever since John moved down the block, we're like a couple of honeymooners," says Debbie, 35, a homemaker.

"Absence really does make the heart grow fonder," concurs 37-year-old John, service manager for a car dealership. "The more absence, the better."

It's true, says noted relationship expert Thomas Fenduster, executive director of the Institute for Marriage and Family Studies. In a recent study by the Institute, a whopping 97 percent of married couples say they're happiest when they see each other less than two hours a day.

"We found that marital harmony rises markedly when one spouse is away on business or visiting relatives," Fenduster says. "The rate of discord increases slightly on weekends, when couples have more contact with each other."

Weekends were an especially trying time for the Elkinsons, who have been married for 10 years and have twin 7-year-old sons. "She was always wanting to talk to me," John says. "I hate that."

Yet the Elkinsons say they do love each other, and for their children's sake they don't want to get a divorce. "Besides," Debbie says, "why settle for alimony when I can get his whole paycheck?"

They've been living apart for about six months, and say it has made theirs "the perfect marriage." They go out to dinner or movies twice a week — "way more than we did when we were living together," John says — and John has the twins stay with him every weekend.

"That little detail has also made me a much better mother," Debbie confides. "I'm real good at being a mom during the week."

Debbie says the twins don't seem to notice much difference since John moved out. "When he was living here all he did was sleep and eat and watch TV anyway," she says.

"Men and women just weren't meant to live together," Fenduster says. "Not without a referee."

He believes the Separate Marriage concept could sharply lower the divorce rate if more couples tried it. "After all, most divorcing couples do tell us that they love each other, but after a year or so they just can't stand the sight of each other. Many spouses report fantasizing about having their mates leave them. This usually involves various explosive devices and blunt objects.

"Of course, not every married couple can afford two households," Fenduster adds. "But there are a number of other strategies that are almost as effective. That's why God made shopping and sports, isn't it?"

Here's a peck of trouble!

Birds of a feather flock together, and the gaggle of ostriches that just arrived at Germany's Munich Zoo is no exception. The birds are prone to peck at each other during transit, so they're fitted temporarily with plastic nose rings until they get used to their spacious new surroundings.

British blue blood stole everything in sight — even a hedgehog!

LONDON — Researchers have unearthed one of the most bizarre crime sprees in the annals of British history!

Lady Cork lived from 1746 to 1840 and throughout her 94 years on Earth, she was a compulsive thief.

Yet the law couldn't touch the lifelong kleptomaniac because she was an aristocrat — so despite the fact that she stole thousands of items, ranging from the priceless to the useless, she was never arrested.

In perhaps the oddest episode in the nearly century-long robbery rampage, Lady Cork ripped off a neighbor's pet hedgehog.

The blue-blooded bandit quickly tired of the animal and persuaded a baker to take it in exchange for a sponge cake, claiming, "It will rid your bakery of beetles."

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Nutty New Year's traditions from around the world

NO CLOTHES NEEDED! Daring folks shed their clothes for this Key West Fantasy Fest parade. In Japan and Australia, New Year's Eve is the time to get naked.

NEW YORK — Most Americans spend New Year's Eve one of two ways — they either get sick on cheap champagne or fall asleep on the couch before midnight.

By ARNOLD TURNER
Weekly World News

But in other countries folks paint their goals, run naked through the streets and fall all over themselves trying to catch fruit fired out of cannons. And those are just some of the extremes folks go to for a good time.

Check out these time-honored New Year's traditions:

In Scotland, barrels of tar are set afire and then rolled down the streets to welcome the new year.

Some villages have turned this into their own version of the famed "Running of the Bulls." Brave souls take to the streets, racing just steps from danger in a kind of "Running of the Flaming Tar Barrels."

Last year 238 men were injured, down from 381 in 1999.

The Chinese spend a whole month celebrating the new year — and have some pretty crazy behavior.

First, they use lanterns to illuminate the streets "to light the way" for the new year, even though experts agree the new year would find its way in even if every lantern went dark all at once.

And since the Chinese believe that evil spirits roam the earth at the beginning of the new year, they set off firecrackers and use noisemakers to scare off the spirits. Sadly, very few experts believe that firecrackers and noisemakers are sufficient when trying to scare off even the most timid of evil spirits.

In parts of Japan, normally sedate people cast their clothes aside and race naked up and down city streets as they raise a ruckus with every noisemaker they can get their hands on.

The polite Japanese observe two strict rules during the nude run: no stopping and no looking at anyone. Violating these rules will

Painting of the Goats

Daredevils jump into giant hair piles

HONK! This Chinese woman blows her noisemaker in an attempt to scare off evil spirits.

goats in lavish designs and colors and parade them down streets.

Actually, the colors aren't so lavish, mostly dreary gray and black, since bright colors are looked down upon in Iran. But the Marching of the Painted Goats is still a highly anticipated New Year's treat.

In Portugal, fruit is fired high in the air out of cannons. Citizens gather by the thousands to try to catch the fruits, though they may be little more than inedible mangled messes by the time they reach the crowd.

Legend says if you catch a whole fruit, good luck will come your way for the entire year. Sadly, no one has ever claimed to have actually caught an intact piece of fruit.

But if you think you have to cross an ocean to have a wild New Year, guess again.

Here are some far-out traditions popular right here in the United States:

In rural parts of Tennessee, women get their wedding gowns out of the attics — and dress their husbands up in them.

It used to be this odd ceremony was kept behind closed doors — but the past few years, more and more men are going out in public in the lovely gowns.

In the inner-city barrios of Los Angeles, folks use leftover wrapping paper from Christmas to decorate their cars for elaborate, horn-honking parades.

This tradition hit a zenith two years ago when a driver covered his windshield with too much paper and bashed his car into a fire hydrant. The ensuing shower turned the already wild party into an unforgettable night.

And don't forget the areas of Louisiana where men and women shave their heads and toss all the hair into giant piles. Daredevils then jump off scaffolding sometimes 20 feet high into the hair piles, celebrating wildly after each successful jump.

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Nude New Year's runs are also popular in Australia — but down there no one notices, because so many Aussie's run around mostly naked all year round.

In Greece, children leave their shoes by the fireside on New Year's Day with the hope that Saint Basil will come and fill their shoes with gifts. Hence the old saying, "When the calendar turns, the happy Greek child is the one with big feet."

In Iran, citizens paint their

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Fire-and-brimstone preacher's shocking claim:

'BOY BANDS ARE MAKING OUR KIDS GAY!'

WHAT have they been listening to? This bizarre group got wild during the Gay Pride Parade in New York.

RENO, Nev. — Critics have long complained that boy bands like 'NSYNC and The Backstreet Boys are lowering the musical standards of America's youth, but now Rev. Harvey Polstom claims these flouncy pop performers are inadvertently making millions of once-virile young men "gayer than Liberace."

"The way they prance around on stage, singing with their girly voices and grabbing their nether regions," asserts Polstom, "it sets off a hormonal chain reaction in these poor boys that is leading them down the path of homosexuality."

Polstom first noticed the phenomenon in his own 11-year-old son, whose name he requested not be published.

The reverend says at first he was relieved that his son had chosen the boy bands yearning romantic tunes over "that dangerous gangsta rap." But that changed when he discovered that the music had his son yearning for fellow males.

"I found a *Playgirl* and a poster of a half-naked Justin Timberlake under his bed," recalls Polstom, his lower lip trembling.

"When I asked him what in the world he needed with pictures of naked men, he just started singing The Backstreet Boys hit 'I Want It That Way.' My first reaction was to slap the boy, but I figured it would just make him an even bigger sissy."

Polstom says he soon discovered that many of his parishioners had been suffering from similar problems with their own boy-band-obsessed sons, who had forsaken their G.I. Joes for Barbies and taken to limp-wristed dancing and singing "like ninnies."

"If it were God's will that these boys be man-lovers, I could accept that," says Polstom.

"But these little guys just have their wires crossed. They need to be pushed a little back in the right direction."

To counteract what he claims are the boy bands' "feminizing effects," Polstom recommends maximum masculine input, with round-the-clock doses of Garth Brooks, NASCAR races, tractor pulls, WWF matches, dwarf tossing and football.

"I'm not saying shows like that will take away all the swish," he says, "but they will sure suck some of the sugar out of these mixed-up boys' tanks."

— BY TODD LONGWELL

IRATE Rev. Harvey Polstom thinks boy bands like 'NSYNC have confused many of his young parishioners.

4 easy ways to satisfy any woman!

By JOEL GORDON / *Weekly World News*

SEATTLE — Making a woman happy is much easier than most men think, say experts — and they've come up with a four-step plan to help you please any gal, even your wife!

1 Talk to her. Let your lady know what you're thinking about. Tell her all about your friends, your co-workers and your hobbies.

Set aside an hour at least three times a week just for conversation.

Be sure to keep your hourly get-togethers something special — a time reserved for happy subjects only!

2 Listen to her. Really listen, don't just mumble and grunt in reply when she talks to you.

Ask questions to show you're paying attention to what she says. Take an interest in her opinions and views.

3 Make her laugh. Laughter stimulates happiness and keeps your relationship bubbling. Play games, have fun together. Try to share at least one good laugh a day.

Look at the funny side of everyday situations, reminisce about funny things you've experienced in the past. You can even read *Weekly World News* together and share the fun!

4 Touch her a lot. Touching a woman makes her feel wanted — and that will lead to greater personal happiness and, frankly a lot more lovin', too.

Caressing the back of her neck, holding hands, playing "footsie" under the table while you're eating dinner or just holding her in your arms — these are excellent ways of making your gal happy!

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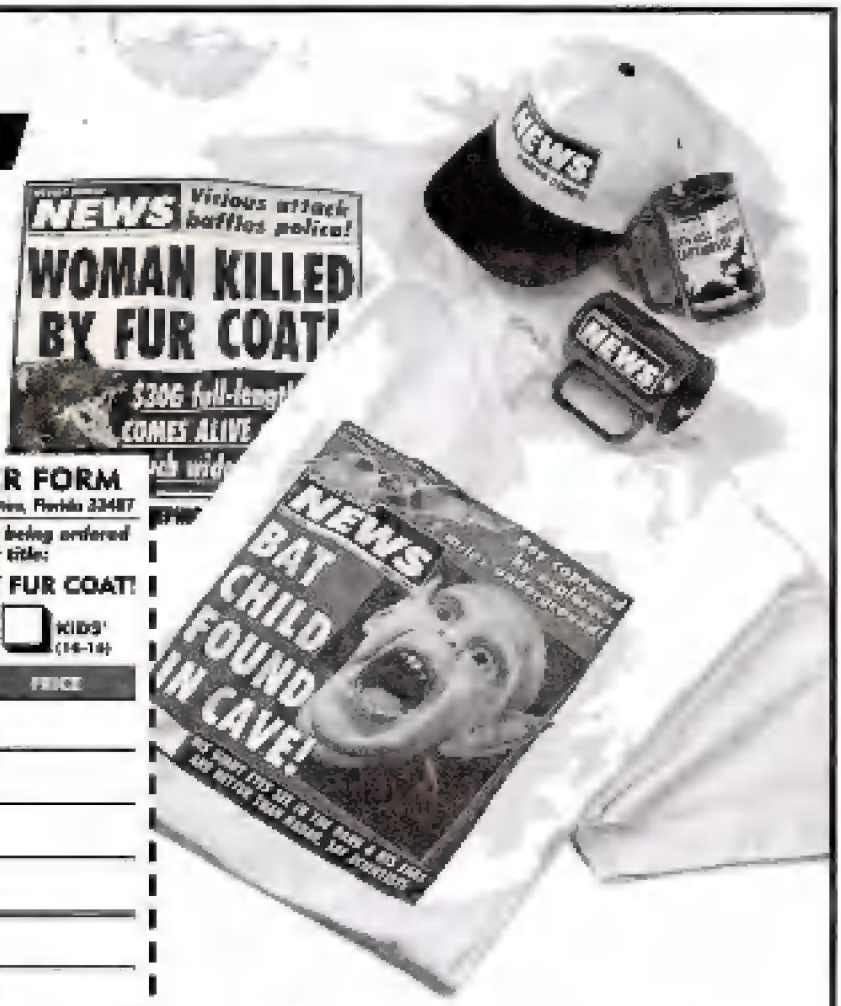

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By MERLIN LEWIS
Weekly World News

How to land a job you're TOTALLY unqualified for

PARIS — You can get a great job, even if you aren't qualified and don't have a clue how to do the work.

All you have to do is follow the advice of Dr. Clayton Pardue, a behavioral scientist, and you'll soon be launched into an exciting new career that others have wasted years of excruciating study or on-the-job training to master.

The former employment counselor cautions that its best to stay away from jobs like medical doctor, lawyer and other vocations that require licenses or are overseen by governmental agencies and professional boards.

But hundreds of other challenging professions are open to the man or woman with the desire and imagination to reach out and master them, says Dr. Pardue, including:

● **Private detective** — The back pages of comic books and other publications popular with 12- to 14-year-old boys are filled with advertisements from schools that are just itching to sign you up for a six-week course on how to become a private eye. But forget all that — all you really have to do is buy a badge, a set of handcuffs, — and amazing devices to help you see around corners or through clothing.

● **Construction** — Check out a work site and study how the other guys keep their pants up with all those tools hanging off their belt. Practice your wolf whistle!

● **Auto mechanic** — Surprise your dad by taking apart his car and putting it back together again. It's great practice! Store any left over parts in the trunk, or show them off at your job interview to demonstrate how you are able to make do with less.

● **Professional model** — Dress in your sexiest outfit, find yourself a stool at a bar and order a drink. You're almost certain to meet a guy the first night who's a Hollywood talent scout, or a professional photographer. It happens every day to girls just like you!

● **Secretary** — Watch the sexy secretary on Public Television's Brit Com *Are You Being Served?* to learn how to make your boss appreciate you for your performance and abilities. Read up on secretary jokes, so you can prove you have a good sense of humor — even if you don't get them. And if you can't type, bandage both hands, then explain that you're really fast on a keyboard — but you can't demonstrate because you burned yourself cooking the night before.

Learn your fortune & future with Serena Sabak's Magic Tarot Cards!

Learn what the future holds for you in matters of health, money and love with famed Weekly World News psychic Serena Sabak's magic tarot cards.

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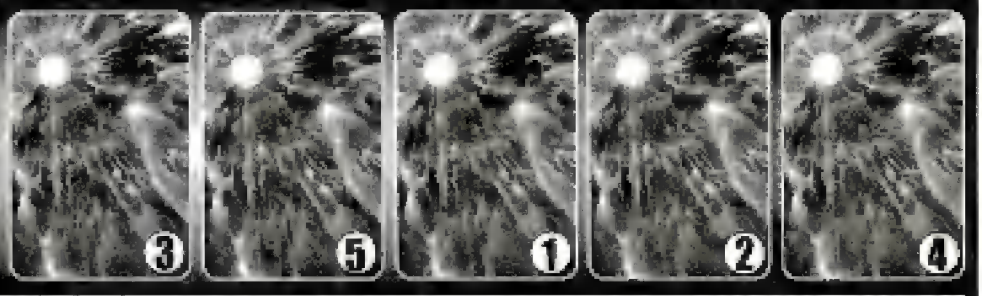
Says Serena: "Your reading will give you an impressive sneak-peek at your future — and reveal to you the shape of things to come."



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You can win a cute sock monkey just by reading this week's issue of *Weekly World News* — and because the little guy swiped the boss' wallet, as an added bonus, you'll win a nifty $5, $10, $20, $50, $100 or more . . . all the bills he pulls out for you!

All you have to do is find him — and the cash he's holding — on another page in this issue and mail us the number of the page. We'll draw one name from all correct entries.

That person not only wins the monkey, he also gets the cash that's pictured with him!

No purchase is necessary to win, but you must be 18 years old or older to enter.

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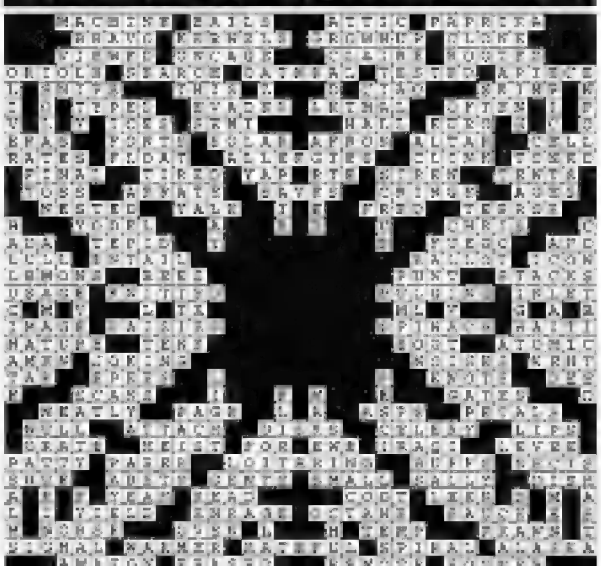

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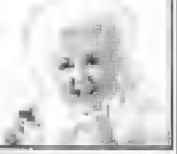

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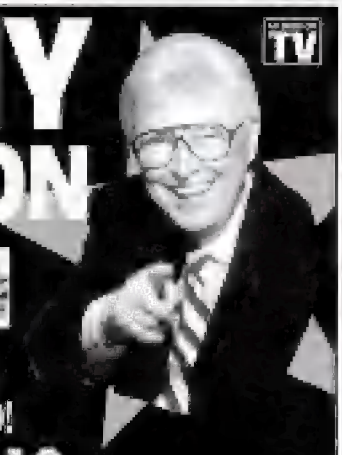

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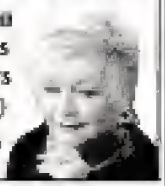

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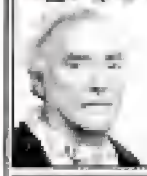

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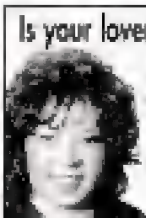

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has the answer!

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

GIANT Horoscope

BY SERENA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You'll come through in a sticky situation this week where decisiveness and quick action is necessary and being timid is a disadvantage.

Your energy level is high, but don't spin your wheels. List things that need to be done and take on chores one at a time.

With your responsibilities taken care of, the weekend spells fun. Do something exciting.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Take advantage of opportunities for advancement this week. Money and happiness are won with the right decisions.

Excitement at home is welcome. Folks are cheerful and ready to go out and have fun. Even doing humdrum chores seems like play, thanks to the happy atmosphere.

Dreams suddenly seem crammed with meaning for your life.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Cheerfulness may pay big dividends this week.

A friend may try to lean on you, but don't allow yourself to be manipulated. Give support, if necessary, but be very careful.

Check your personal budget this week and find out if there are corners you can cut financially. A dollar saved here and there may pay for that trip you've dreamed of.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Set aside time for yourself this week and relax, take in a movie or call a friend. You deserve a little space.

You're prone to be too sensitive about what other people say to you. It is a fault that can tie your stomach in knots unless you work on it.

You have talents and abilities that aren't being used. It's high time you did something about that.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

You have a fantastic eye for detail and a genius for dealing with people. Both talents could pay off in spades this week — if you use them wisely. Laziness is all that stands between you and the life you've dreamed of.

Get off your butt and into action.

A tale of the supernatural could prove real. Don't scoff at things you don't understand. Stay close to home late in the week.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Your trusting nature could get you in trouble this week. Put faith in family and close friends, but keep a sharp eye on others. Don't take suggestions and proposals at face value. Check them out carefully. Let big decisions simmer awhile.

A relative has some very good news. Expect a letter or phone call.

Something small and blue holds the key to riches.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Your luck may improve dramatically this week, and you need to be prepared to take advantage of your coming good fortune. Don't be afraid to take risks. You can't lose.

Indecisiveness could spell trouble when it comes to travel plans in the near future. Rely on advice from one you trust to make the right move.

Tempers may flare over a difference of opinion. Try to be agreeable.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Look before you leap if an unusual moneymaking scheme comes your way this week. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Being moody could have a negative effect on others around you. Keep yourself on an even keel for everyone's sake.

Chores may be piling up, but relax. Put your feet up and make a list of everything that needs to be done.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Use this week to work on goals you set for the year ahead. Save some time for friends and family.

Very soon now, you may have to confront a nagging financial problem. Long-term planning will help you get your ducks in a row. Do it!

Don't let your desire for calm blur your perception that all is not well. You have the ability to find solutions to pesky problems.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

You'll be the belle of the ball this week. Go all out to have a good time — just don't let the popularity go to your head!

Children can bring you much joy now if you set aside time to to spend with them. Youngsters belonging to friends are especially attracted to you at this time.

Love is in the air. Singles may find themselves in a new romance.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Everything is falling into place this week! Something really terrific sure looks to be headed your way. And isn't it about time?

Take the time to sit down and make plans for the year ahead. Think of a few things you've always wanted to do but never got around to doing.

A new and exciting relationship is definitely in the cards for you in the not too distant future.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

A family spat could turn into full-scale war this week if you don't calm things down. The key word is compromise — just don't give too much.

The opposite sex finds you extremely attractive and will likely make a play for your affection. Behaving conservatively in social settings will serve you well.

Don't try to cram too many festivities into too little time this weekend.

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	16, 19, 25, 29, 33, 39
TAURUS	8, 15, 23, 26, 31, 35
GEMINI	3, 12, 21, 28, 32, 48
CANCER	1, 11, 29, 32, 35, 41
LEO	12, 22, 26, 28, 30, 32
VIRGO	10, 13, 24, 25, 37, 42
LIBRA	8, 14, 20, 28, 37, 43
SCORPIO	2, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37
SAGITTARIUS	11, 17, 21, 22, 29, 35
CAPRICORN	6, 12, 16, 23, 28, 33
AQUARIUS	1, 14, 18, 29, 32, 33

If your birthday is this week . . .

There won't be time for the blues in the next 12 months. This year will be busy and upbeat. Your romantic life will be better than ever, and you'll be in great shape financially.

Be careful, though, that you don't neglect your health. You could be plagued by illness in the early part of the year if you don't get right and use the all the exercise you need.

SATAN WINS HO

'Pumpkin Pie El Diablo' was to die for, say judges!

CONTESTANT Stella Wassinger is shocked as the judges proclaim Satan the winner of the Women's Society Bake-Off. Satan resides in Hell.

ALBANY, NEW ZEALAND — Audience members and fellow contestants reeled in shock and disbelief when the Women's Society Bake-Off was won by Satan himself!

"It's a sin!" shouted Bake-Off organizer and three-time previous champion Stella Wassinger as the Devil's victory was announced.

Wassinger was not alone in her dismay. Townsfolk booed and at least three contestants walked off the stage in protest as the judges rendered their 6 to 3 decision in favor of the Horned One's "Pumpkin Pie El Diablo." After his win, Satan revealed that the sinfully delicious dessert astonishingly took only four seconds to make — and that the secret ingredient was "a pinch of sulphur."

By STEPHEN FALK
Weekly World News

"At first I tried baking it in a conventional oven, but I would get distracted with other duties of dishing out eternal damnation to damned, tormented souls and the wailing of the damned and the crackling fires of Hell. I couldn't hear the buzzer go off. That's when I realized that as the Supreme Fiend, I could just whip them up out of thin air," said the Devil.

Indeed, judges censured the black magic being invoked as a baking method.

"This pie beats anything I've ever tasted," said 44-year-old judge Delbert Swanstrom of Satan's pumpkin pie was "heavenly".

BAKE-OFF judge Delbert Swanstrom said that Satan's pumpkin pie was "heavenly".

himself to another steamy, warm mouthful and glancing lustfully at one distraught, shapely contestant. "It's given me feelings I haven't experienced in years."

But many members of the Women's Society were indeed less than happy with the Horned One's unorthodox victory.

"In the technical sense, there is nothing in the books against his entering"

LIDAY BAKE-OFF

Yarborough, whose Lemon-Raspberry Shortbread Squares took second place this time around. "But I can tell you what, next year there will be a strict 'No horns or cloven hooves clause' in the rule book.

"Absolutely no demons, undead, or otherworldly spirits may enter. And only approved appliances and conventional baking methods will be used. None of this hocus-pocus fire and brimstone baking!"

When asked why he chose to make his culinary debut at a New Zealand Bake-Off, Satan responded that he didn't know what all the fuss was about.

"After centuries of roasting sinners, I thought I had enough expertise to branch out," he said, flicking his forked tail.

"You might say I'd like to trade in my pitch fork for a spatula. So I decided to start small, you know. Not go straight to some international competition. Albany seemed as good a place as any to begin giving that little twerp, Poppin' Fresh, a run for his money."

Father Robert Michaels of the First Albany Unified Church said he thinks otherwise.

"The church recently started a 'Stamp Out Satan!' campaign, aimed at eliminating teen drug use and godlessness in our community. One of our methods was encouraging teens to 'Bake Brownies, Not Your Brain.' I think he wanted to get back at us somehow. Unfortunately, he did it through our baking competition."

"Ridiculous," countered the Overlord of the Underworld, when told of Father Michaels' claims. "I'm not even going to dignify that with a response."

Before disappearing into a cloud of smoke with the blue ribbon and $50 cash prize, Satan added, "Father Michaels knows where he can go."

How to make 'Pumpkin Pie El Diablo'

This hot and spicy Halloween favorite is popular among Satanists all year around:

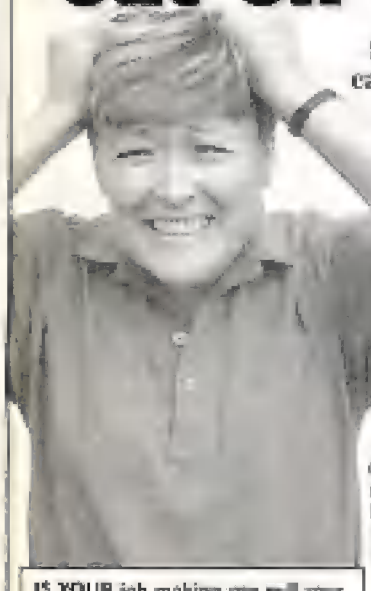
- 1 9-inch deep-dish regular pie crust
- 2 cups pumpkin puree
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ cup milk
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup ground jalapeno pepper
- ½ cup black pepper
- 1 tablespoon ground Scotch bonnet pepper
- a dash of sulphur

Prepare regular pie crust in a Pyrex pie dish. Bake at 400 degrees. Heat pumpkin puree in a heavy pan, stirring frequently. Add milk and sugar to pumpkin puree and stir until smooth.

In separate bowl, beat eggs, add sugar, spice and pepper. When the pie crust is brown, carefully pour in egg and pumpkin mixture and return to center of oven.

Bake at 400 degrees for 1½ hours. Serve hot.

Feeling stressed? Take it out on your co-worker!



SAN FRANCISCO — If you're like most people, your job can sometimes be stressful. To make matters worse, you probably haven't gotten that raise you so richly deserve. But there's another way to reward yourself. Take your stress out on a co-worker.

By JENNIFER BOZELL
Weekly World News

The following easy strategies are ensured to leave you stress-free, while giving you the added satisfaction of watching a fellow worker go insane.

The first strategy is to be sneaky. Borrow your colleague's cell phone, drop it into a toilet. Then return it to his desk. Bring in some cockroaches and free them in his office. When he buys insect poison, spray it on his plants.

Next, be insolent. Loudly. "I'm sorry, I don't want to date you! Please, stop begging me!" This is even more effective if you and your co-worker are the same sex.

The goal is to make him think he's crazy.

Your final tactic is sabotage. Log onto his computer, download some pictures from a "Hot Asian Babes" Web site, and turn them into his new screen saver.

After you've tried these strategies, breathe deeply and relax. Your co-worker may have checked into a mental institution, but your own

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History shocker!

Julius Caesar did not invent the Caesar salad

MEXICO CITY — The great Roman ruler Julius Caesar achieved many great feats such as reforming the entire calendar system and stabilizing the Mediterranean world at that time, but inventing the Caesar salad was not one of them, historians have finally confirmed.

Although the matter has long been the subject of a heated debate, Mexican researchers have finally proved that the tasty dish was created by restaurateur Caesar Gardini and first served at

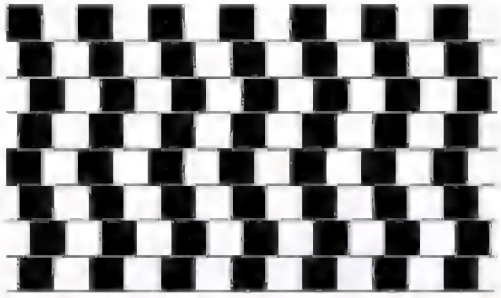
ILLUSIONS

. . . THAT'LL WARP YOUR MIND!

WASHINGTON — Here they are: The greatest optical illusions on Earth, gleaned from academic textbooks and presented here for your amazement. Show 'em to friends. Post 'em at work. Let everybody in on the fun you found in *Weekly World News*!

Do you see something in the picture above? Here's a hint — there aren't 101 of them.

Yes, it's easy to see the horse in the picture to the left — but can you spot his owner?



Do the lines in this illusion look slanted to you? Well, believe it or not — they're perfectly parallel.

Can you guess which line on the right is the extension of the left line? It's the bottom one!

Your tarot fortune from Page 39 – REVEALED!

You can play Madame Mystic's Magic Tarot Cards, too! Just turn to Page 39 and pick a card!

Card No. 3: King of Swords
AUTHORITY FIGURE

Love: You are about to get involved with a very domineering personality, possibly a police officer, lawyer or an executive. This will cause a big change in your love life.

Money: If you are a party in a lawsuit, you will win. Someone in a position of authority will help increase your income. Make sure a moneymaking opportunity is legal.

Health: If you require surgery, it will turn out to be easier than you think. This is a

Card No. 5: Hermit
SOLITUDE

Love: The only way to have the partner you crave is to "go into a cave" alone and think about what you really want. When you come out, you'll have it your way.

Money: All signs point to your making money in your own home, either by being self-employed or through using a computer and the internet. You would be a great teacher.

Health: Ask your friends and family to back off for a while. You can't be their energy source unless you

Card No. 1: 9 of Cups
A WISH-COME-TRUE

Love: Whatever you have wished to happen in a personal relationship is about to, in glorious color! The good luck that comes with this card will stay with you for a long time.

Money: Congratulations! The Universe is about to help you find a rainbow with a pot of gold at the end, although the path may be different than the one you expected.

Health: As you wish, so shall it be. Positive thinking will do the trick. If you've

Card No. 2: 6 of Pentacles
REWARDS

Love: If you feel like you've been doing all the giving in your relationship, that's about to turn around. You're about to receive all the yummy stuff love has to offer.

Money: A debt or loan will be repaid, with interest. You'll finally get paid for a job done in the past, or a favor that you forgot about will be repaid in a surprising way.

Health: You've been doing what the doctor ordered, or have stuck with the fitness routine no matter

Card No. 4: 4 of Wands
NEW HOME

Love: If committed, the relationship will be positively affected by a move to a new home. If single, expect a proposal of marriage or moving in together within a year.

Money: A real estate investment or move to a new workplace will bring financial gain. It looks like you're moving and there couldn't be a better time to buy a new home.

Health: A change of environment and/or lifestyle will significantly improve whatever ails you. There

Hero rooster kicks punk's butt

By CHRISTOPHER PAINTER
Weekly World News

FIGHTING FOWL Brutus wasn't about to let his girlfriend become fried chicken.

. . . to save his chick's life!

SANTA FE, New Mexico — Ernesto Collins may owe his life to a fowl in a foul mood.

Witnesses say the raging rooster fought off a gunman who assaulted Collins and tried to steal the hen that was traveling with Collins and the rooster.

"I've never seen such heroism," said a passing motorist who helped to subdue the pecking pullet.

"That's the last time I'll ever say 'chickened out' when I'm talking about a coward."

Collins said he was driving the two chickens — Rosaria the hen and Brutus the rooster — to a veterinarian.

"I was only going to take Rosaria," he said, "but Brutus refused to stay behind. He made such a fuss when we were leaving, I put him in the car too."

It's a good thing he did. At a stop sign, Collins said, a young man thrust a handgun through the open driver-side window of the 1992 Audi.

"He started screaming at me to give him Rosaria," Collins said.

"I guess he was hungry. When I wouldn't give her to him he opened the passenger door and made a grab for her."

That's when the free-range hero literally flew into action.

"There was this bloodcurdling crowing sound," Collins said, "and the next thing I knew Brutus was on top of this guy — pecking him all over!"

Bystanders called police, but the would-be carjacker managed to escape before authorities arrived.

Brutus' bravery may have saved more than his master's life.

"That night, after we got home, I saw Rosaria and Brutus going into the coop together," Collins said with a smile.

"This looks like the start of a beautiful relationship."

LUCKY CLUCK! Ernesto Collins' prize hen Rosaria, right, would have been dinner if not for her hero mate.

Owls are the only birds that can color blue – & more tantalizing .

TRIVIA

• Steamy Hollywood sex goddess Marilyn Monroe wasn't all she appeared to be, and in her prime her statistics were a barely respectable 35-22-35. But she bulked up with flesh-colored falsies to give the effect of more spectacular proportions.

• The World War 2 anti-tank rocket launcher was named the bazooka, because it looked so much like the musical instrument with the same name.

By CLIFF LINEDECKER
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Skin is the body's largest organ, is thickest on the soles of the feet, and on a fully grown adult, weighs about 11 pounds! The first movie shot in Hollywood was Squaw Man, and the director was Cecil B. DeMille! Regardless of whether you're slaving over a craps table in Las Vegas or playing "Monopoly" with the family, there are 36 combinations when you roll a pair of dice.

Those are just a few samples of the dazzling gems of trivia *Weekly World News* editors have discovered while researching and writing the terrific stories you see in our paper every week. Here's still more:

• Chocolate really is the food of lovers! The lip smacking product of the cacao seed is full of phenylethylamine — the same chemical the brain produces when people fall in love.

• Straight shooting Kentucky frontiersman Daniel Boone had a pet cat named Bluegrass.

• Two-thirds of all the information stored in the brain is collected through vision. Taste, hearing, smell, touch and other forms of conveying information

• The British are such unabashed tea lovers that during World War 2 the government hid supplies of the refreshing drink around the country so that it wouldn't all be destroyed by German air raids.

• Henry Ford didn't name his famous car the Model T because it was made of tin — he called it that because it was the next vehicle he built after the Model S.

• More boys than girls make their entrance into the world during the day.

But girls make up for that at night, when they lead the new arrival race.

• An ingenious vehicle called the Hovercraft, which glides on a cushion of air, was invented in 1955 by Christopher

• Frisbees were introduced to the

• Owls are the only birds that can see the color blue — but

see the . . .

● A clown's face is his trademark, which cannot be copied by any other clown. The clothes and act of a clown, however, can be imitated.

To trademark a clown face, clowns send a photo of their face into the Clown and Character Registry, where the face is then painted on a goose egg and kept in the registry.

● More than a dozen goof-ups in the new Warner Bros. movie, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* have been pinpointed by sharp-eyed fans. They include such missteps as a shadow being cast on the wrong wall in a scene showing Harry carrying a lantern into a library. But, of course, a good magician like Harry should be able to cast a shadow wherever he wishes.

● If you've already decorated yourself with all the tattoos you can handle, but have the urge for still more body art, you might wish to visit Georgia artist Ron Grant. He paints tiny pictures on teeth.

● When former Beatle John Lennon was in Holland, he shoplifted the harmonica he used for *Love Me Do*.

● Optimists outlive pessimists, and people who believe in any religion outlive atheists, studies suggest.

● Longtime TV talk show host Johnny Carson once observed: "If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead."

● A study on 25 men showed their memory was improved after taking 100 milligrams of testosterone for six weeks, according to a report in the journal *Neurology*.

● *Just Imagine* was the world's first science fiction musical. It was filmed in 1930.

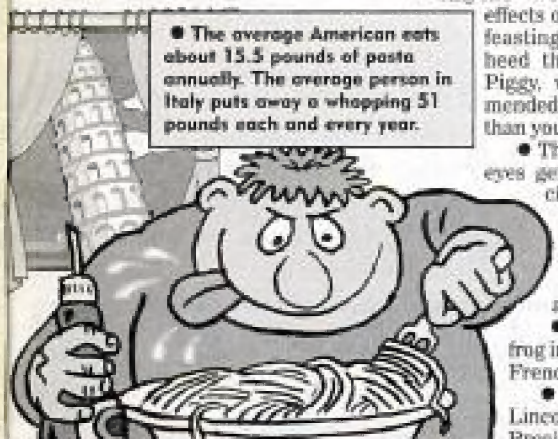
● Anyone worried about the effects of too much holiday feasting might wish to heed the advice of Miss Piggy, who once recommended: "Never eat more than you can lift!"

● The muscles of your eyes get more daily exercise than those of any other part of your body, moving about 100,000 times every day and night.

● Americans get a frog in their throats. The French get a cat.

● When Abraham Lincoln was elected

● The average American eats about 15.5 pounds of pasta annually. The average person in Italy puts away a whopping 51 pounds each and every year.



● In Peru, guinea pigs aren't laboratory animals or pets — they're dinner! And when Peruvians aren't frying up juicy guinea pigs in spicy red sauce for the family meal, they're using them as folk medicine.

● Singer-actress Cher's parents married and divorced each other three times.

● If you have the inclination and time to listen closely, you'll notice that houseflies buzz in the middle octave key of F.

● Before becoming famous for his predictions, Nostradamus was a courageous French doctor known by his birth name, Michel de Nostradame, who worked tirelessly, curing hundreds of victims of the black plague.

But even his amazing abilities as a healer failed him when his own wife, son and daughter contracted the plague — and died.

● There must be a better way to lose weight — but if you're really desperate you can pound away the pounds by beating your head against a wall. Experts say the abuse burns up 150 calories an hour.

● Presidential hopeful Gary Hart was living on Troublesome Gulch Road when he was pho-

● Does anybody remember Tinseltown's first Superman? It was Kirk Alyn!

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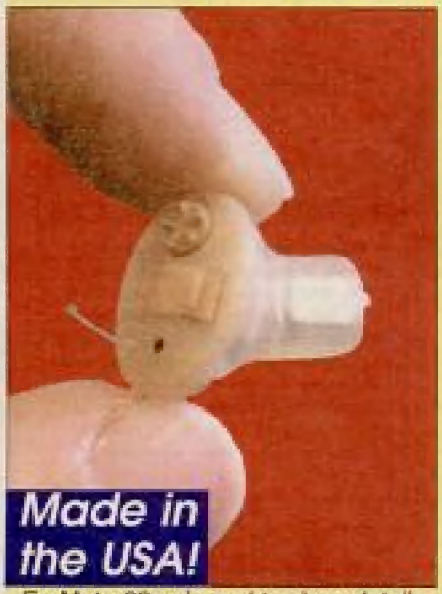

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